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**It's a real
tragedy!**



BY TOM ANDERSON

THE major tragedy and shame of Australian soccer at the present time is the treatment being handed out to the players of the now defunct Apla Leichhardt club. Through no fault of their own, fine, upstanding and dedicated athletes have been put out of the game and forced to sit on the sideline through high transfer fees placed on their heads by the administrator on behalf of the club liquidator. The careers and future of these poor players is now in jeopardy. It's nothing less than disgraceful. These fine upstanding athletes do not deserve such treatment and it's a thorough disgrace to the game of soccer in this country. One such player is former club captain Brian Ellem. Ellem's tale of woe has been told by Paul Goodwin on page 12.

LEAGUE CRISIS TALKS

BY TOM ANDERSON

A SERIES of meetings were held by the ASF last week in a bid to find an answer to the flagging attendances in the C CSL.

The outcome was that more than \$500,000 will be spent on an advertising campaign to publicise the league.

At the present time C CSL attendances are down 10 percent this season.

And it's a big worry. Part of the blame for the dwindle in interest has been blamed on the weather- which is fair enough. However the weather and lack of an advertising campaign are not the only reasons for the lack of interest in soccer's major league. Standardisation of kick-off times and long time fixture planning must surely be brought to bear. Gags must be taken off coaches and players to allow them have their say on important matters.

Also the standard of refereeing must be drastically improved. The fans are just sick and tired of paying good money to watch the action being spoiled by sub-standard refereeing as has happened much too often this season.

OVER 2 billion TV viewers throughout the world are expected to watch live coverage of the final of the World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup to be played here next March. The final will be held at the SFS.

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THE all-important draw for the World Youth Cup finals is almost upon us with the series about to blast-off next March.

Although not of the same magnitude as the World Cup proper, the draw for the WYC and indeed the series itself, will capture its own share of world wide attention.

No doubt as usual, some of the major soccer nations will sneer at the series being held here in Australia.

For despite our success in the international arena of late, some nations still imagine soccer and Australia are incompatible.

The USA - despite being the host nation for the 1994 World Cup finals - is also viewed in this light.

It really is a joke. However, what the ASF and the Organising Committee must do - at the draw and throughout the finals - is to insure the proceedings are thoroughly

Australianised.

The 1993 World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup must be an Australian World Cup.

And it must also be remembered it is not a crime in the soccer world, not to be English, not to be Italian or not to be Brazilian!

This coming series must make the world sit up and take note of Australia and its ability to stage big soccer shows.

This will take hard work from all concerned, for even if you're on the right track in the lead-up, you'll get run over if you just sit there!

The draw, which will take place at Darling Harbour on Friday November 20, will of course come under the direction of FIFA Secretary-General Sepp Blatter.

Blatter is an expert when it comes to making World Cup

draws.

In fact, to be perfectly honest, he's on his own in this field and has the perfect touch for the occasion.

The coming World Youth Championships have, of course, been linked with Sydney's bid for the 2000 Olympics.

And, a word of caution must be exercised in this respect.

This Olympic bid must not be allowed to overshadow or upstage the WYC despite its importance.

This is Australia's 'Super Soccer Show' and the greatest game of all must reign supreme at all times during the draw and the series.

The WYC can - and indeed must - be a big success and set the pattern for the future of the game in this country.

- THE EDITOR

ON A SHOE STRING

NEARLY 2000 performers will stage a mini-Commonwealth Games spectacular during the opening ceremony of the FIFA World Youth Championship finals at the Sydney Football Ground next March.

The ceremony will be designed by Ric Birch and Karen Richards of Spectak Productions.

This is a company recently formed to devise and produce live special events.

Birch is best known for the creation of the breath-taking opening and closing ceremonies at the Los Angeles and Barcelona Olympic Games.

Richards has worked on countless spectacular productions including the Brisbane Expo 88 Opening

Ceremony and the 1982 Brisbane Commonwealth Games.

"The budget is the key point," said Richards.

"If you have lots of money, you can do a big show, otherwise you have to use your imagination and make every cent count.

"This is the tightest budget I've ever worked with.

"The Barcelona Olympics cost \$28 million and for this ceremony in Sydney we have \$250,000 for a half hour show!

"We're trying to do a mini-Commonwealth Games opening and at the same time help Sydney with its Olympic 2000 bid."

Richards said they were working on a major special effect if they could get it for the cost.

The pair started working

together in 1981 for the Brisbane Commonwealth Games with Birch moving into overseas productions and Richards concentrating on Australia.

"We will have an Australian theme throughout the ceremony using between 1500 and 2000 children. It will be strictly an all-Australian show without overseas stars," Richards continued.

"Because of the financial restrictions we can't get elaborate costumes as in Barcelona or present many special effects."

The World Youth Championship finals will be telecast to 70 countries around the world with an estimated audience of 2 billion and organisers say it's important that

Australia be shown in the best possible light.



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It's Melbourne



Eddie Thomson

MELBOURNE has been chosen as the city to host the all important Oceania World Cup decider (second leg) between the Socceroos and New Zealand on June 6 next year.

As yet however the venue is yet to be determined.

The Melbourne match will be the return leg of the home and away series with the first match to be played in Auckland on the weekend of the 29/30 May.

Under FIFA requirements, tickets for World Cup qualifiers can only be sold to areas with seats and not to hill or terrace areas.

Olympic Park, the home of soccer in Melbourne has a large portion of terrace area which in its present condition cannot be used for the important qualifier.

Unless this is rectified, this important match may have to be played at a more suitable venue.

- TOM ANDERSON

Granville kids for Chile

GRANVILLE CHILE under-17 side will make a historic tour to South America next month.

The Granville kids will play a series of matches in Chile and Argentina. In Santiago the capital of Chile, Granville will participate in a four team series involving Universidad Catolica, Union Espanola and the Mexican National Youth team.

The Aussies will also play a competition series in Mendoza, Argentina, along with local teams Independiente, Argentinos Juniors and Talleres.

Other matches are also in the offing for the Granville team.

In the local season just finished, Granville Chile under-17s won the District Championship and also were Grand Final winners.

- MARIO ETCHART

SCOREBOARD

TABLE

	P	W	D	L	P	A	PTS
West Adelaide	6	3	2	1	10	6	11
Parramatta	6	3	2	1	9	6	11
Adelaide City	6	3	2	1	5	3	11
Melbourne CSC	6	3	1	2	12	7	10
Wollongong	6	2	4	0	6	3	10
Sth Melbourne	6	3	1	2	8	7	10
Sydney CSC	6	3	0	3	8	8	9
Marconi	6	3	0	3	7	10	9
Brisbane Utd	6	2	1	3	7	7	7
Morwell	6	2	1	3	7	9	7
Heidelberg	6	1	3	2	7	9	6
Newcastle	6	1	3	2	3	5	6
Olympic	6	1	2	3	5	9	5
Preston	6	0	2	4	4	9	-2

(Note: Preston has had deducted four points by the CCCL)

RESULTS

WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Yankos 28, White 53) v Heidelberg United 0 at Brandon Park. Crowd: 2,385.
BRISBANE UNITED 2 (Blair 32, T. Cranney 45) v Marconi (Harper 46) at Perry Park. Crowd: 3,000.
SYDNEY CSC 2 (Gibson 20, Krolovic 58) v Parramatta 1 (Foster 84) at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 4,270.
PRESTON 0 v NEWCASTLE 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2,800.
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Trimboli 15, Awaritea 20) v MORWELL 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 5,500.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 v MELBOURNE CSC 2 (Pondeljak 1, 27) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 3,901.
WEST ADELAIDE 0 v ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Vear 66) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 6,500.

CROWDS

Total Round 6 30,356
Av. per game 4,336
Av. per round 24,213.

LEADING SCORERS

5 Ollie Pondeljak (M CSC)
4 John Gibson (S CSC), Marshall Soper (P)
3 Mark Brazzale (WA), Greg Brown (WA), Jose Iriarte (WA), Francis Awaritea (SM), Con Boutalakis (SM), Michael Reda (P), Billy Wright (Mor), Andy Harper (Mar), Derek Hunter (H), Chris Blair (B).

Olympic slip again!

Melbourne CSC back to best...



SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
MELBOURNE CSC 2



Two goal Oliver Pondeljak challenged by Olympic's David Barratt

BY TED SIMMONS

MELBOURNE CSC returned to its minor premiership form of last season when it outplayed a pedestrian Sydney Olympic 2-0 in the National Soccer League at St George Stadium on Sunday.

Two first half moments of loose defence by Olympic gave a double to striker Oliver Pondeljak who went to the top of the league scoring list after converting both opportunities in the first and 27th minutes.

The Melbourne side came here as equal top goal scorer in the league and soon showed why it was averaging

two goals a game.

"We didn't allow Olympic to play and closed them down. With five players across the midfield and at times having six in the penalty area, I knew the goals would come," said Melbourne coach Ken Murphy.

"Olympic beat us 2-1 here last year but this time I

thought we deserved to win."

With less than 60 seconds gone, Fausto De Amicus crossed from the left to striker Vaughan Coveny whose firm header could only be parried by Olympic keeper Gary Meier.

Pondeljak raced in to put away the rolling ball as the Olympic defence stood and watched.

The livewire striker, who has now picked up five goals in five games, was again too quick in the 27 minute.

Defenders Tony Spyridakos and David Barratt bungled an attempted clearance of a high corner about 10 metres from the goal in a complete mixup.

Meier came off his line, the ball spun back and Pondeljak burst between the defenders to claim a gift goal.

Melbourne CSC used a

tight defence and flowing midfield to restrict the Olympic attack.

Vlado Vanis kept Olympic striker David Seal shackled but the Melbourne plans were helped by poor passing and loose defence from the home team.

Olympic began the second half with an edge of desperation as it strung together a 15 minutes attack.

But the team could not find any weakness in the Melbourne defence which pressured Olympic into repeated errors.

Melbourne was quicker to the ball, forcing Olympic into a catch-up game.

The lively Pondeljak found good support from Coveny while Mark Silic and Vanis stood out in defence.

"We got into the false pretence of believing we

could play well each week but it didn't happen and we gave them too much space to play," said Olympic coach Peter Raskopoulos.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Lee, Augerinos, Spyradakos, Barratt, Tsekenis, Ironside (Phillips 82), Milosevic, Seal, Katholos (Ardone 67), Carodzo.

MELBOURNE CSC: Miller, Vanis, Horvat, Selemlides, Jackson, Bonk, Silic, Biskic (Buljabask 80), Coveny, Pondeljak, De Amicus.

SCORERS: Pondeljak (1m, 27m).

REFEREE: Barry Power.

YELLOW CARDS: none.

CROWD: 3,901.

POINTS: Pondeljak 3, Silic 2, Seal 1.



Melbourne's Klwistriker Vaughan Coveny in aerial duel with Tony Spyradakos

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STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 5

- 8 - Genc (Parra)
7 - Scott (Held)
6 - Bonk Melb (CSC), Smith (Woll), Horsley (Woll), Milosevic (SO)
5 - Slifkas (Heid), Tralanedes (Pres), P.Gunning (Parra), Hasler (SM)
4 - Soper (Parra), Stewart (New), Gibson (Syd CSC), Mautone (Morw), Popovic (Syd CSC).

A tale of joy!

Brisbane celebrate their finest victory this year...



BRISBANE UNITED 2
MARCONI 1



BY ROB BLACK

THE CCSL 'Poor Relations' Brisbane United climbed the mountain and knocked over 'Millionaires' Marconi 2-1 to set Perry Park a light last Saturday night.

Brisbane coach Miron Bleiberg was ecstatic with the three points and the win over former national coach Frank Arok, now in charge of Marconi.

"You could divide the value of the Marconi players and coach by 10 and it would buy Brisbane United," Bleiberg said.

"But it's the score on the board that counts."

"They tried to buy out

striker John Brown for \$25,000 last year, now he is worth \$50,000."

Brown was devastating for Brisbane as he charged at the Marconi defence, creating havoc in the first half to set up Chris Slater's 32nd minute goal.

With blistering pace, Brown went past two defenders to cross for Slater to score from an acute angle.

Brisbane started the match with plenty of fire but Marconi had most chances as it's midfield took control.

Italian import Ermanno Pelucchi showed his class to set up opportunities for Tommy McCulloch and Kim Talladros, with no result.

However, Brisbane struck the killer blow right on the

interval as Troy Cranny scored on his home debut.

Brother Sean Cranny made a good run down the right to set up Brown and in turn Slater, before Troy stepped up to blast home.

Three minutes into the second half, McCulloch flashed down the left and found unmarked Andy Harper in front of goal.

Harper's side-footed goal set his team mates alight and Brisbane had to weather an onslaught.

The Brisbane defence managed to weather the storm.

After the game Marconi coach Frank Arok bemoaned his team's missed chances.

"We controlled 70 percent of the game, but were

punished for two lapses in defence," he said.

"It's a bit hard to swallow. They had two chances and took them - we missed five in the first half alone!"

BRISBANE: Runje, Bullock, Gwynne, Cahut (Koch 75), Jefferd, S.Cranney, T.Cranney, Halligan, Hunter, Slater, Brown (Cooper 83).

MARCONI: Pezzano, Van Egmond, De Marigny, Jolevski, Bingley, Kuleski, Pelucchi, McCulloch (Corica 73), Harper, Talladros, Gray.

SCORERS: Slater 32, T.Cranney 45, Harper 48.

REFEREE: Gary Brownlie.

YELLOW CARDS: Cahut (B), T.Cranney (B), Gray (M), Van Egmond (M).

CROWD: 3000
POINTS: 3-S.Cranney, 2-Pelucchi, 1-Gwynne.



Ermanno Pelucchi

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WOLLONGONG 2
HEIDELBERG UTD 0



BY PHIL MURPHY

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AN UNUSUAL thing happened in the visitors' dressing room at Brandon Park last Friday night.

Heidelberg coach Gary Cole admitted Wollongong "can play a bit."

After watching his team lose 2-0 to an adventurous Wolves' outfit, the Heidelberg boss praised his opposition.

"They are always tough to beat here but they showed tonight they are a physical team and can play a bit," Cole said.

In recent times, rival coaches have tended to ignore Wollongong's flair with the likes of Mick Smith, Matt Horsley and Paul McFadden among the more enterprising performers in the league.

Wolves' coach David Ratcliffe has his team playing bright, attractive football, particularly at Brandon Park.

This was evident against a Heidelberg side which never seemed to cope with the home team's pace and hunger to go forward.

Wollongong should have scored half a dozen goals.

Striker Dale White scored his first for the club in six outings but was desperately unlucky not to finish with a hat-trick.

It was White who sealed the three points for Wollongong in the 63rd minute, sending a curling shot out of the reach of goalkeeper Jeff Oliver.

Cole had reason to be angry with that goal as it originated from a shocking clearance from his centre-back Doug Hodgson.

Back in the Heidelberg side after trialling with English club Hull City, Hodgson was flirting with danger when he directed the ball straight to Horsley.

Just outside the visitors' box, Horsley quickly whipped a pass towards McFadden who released the ball to White on the right and the striker's finishing was perfect.

Wollongong had gone ahead after 29 minutes with a penalty from the ever-reliable Charlie Yankos.

Referee Peter Spiers awarded the spot kick after Heidelberg defender Alan Scott had tried to drag White off the ball.

Spiers came under fire from Wolves' supporters for his leniency towards Heidelberg players, particularly Hodgson.

Hodgson committed three bad fouls without collecting a yellow card.

Ironically, Smith, who had been bundled over all night, was booked late in the game and his six-point infringement means he will miss Sunday's visit to Melbourne CSC.

Ratcliffe said after the game he could not fault any of his players. "Everyone did his job and it is a relief to end a run of three draws in a row," the coach said.

"It was even more pleasing that White was able to get a goal. He has been playing well for us but the added confidence of that goal will lift him over the next few weeks."

WOLLONGONG: Fillan, Green, O'Shea, Yankos, Bourke, Horsley, McFadden, Bonetig, Freestone (Bard 78), White, Smith.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver,

Brattan, Hodgson, Scott (Tiktakis 72), Palatsides, Georgiadis, Slifkas, Hunter (Sindrivanis 83), Goutzoullis, McNichol, Clarkson.
SCORERS: Wollongong: Yankos (29m pen), White (63m).
YELLOW CARDS: Brattan for Heidelberg, Smith, Bourke for Wollongong.
CROWD: 2,385.
POINTS: O'Shea 3, Horsley 2, Clarkson 1.

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Controversial refereeing decision clouds yet another local derby....



SYDNEY CSC 2
PARRAMATTA 1



BY MIKE KOMANDINA

YET another CCSL match ended in controversy when Sydney CSC downed Parramatta Eagles 2-1 at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday night.

The game turned into a shame when Parramatta's ace striker Marshall Soper was sent off by referee Rob

Davies in the 41st minute for an alleged elbow to the head of CSC's Ivan Petkov.

It is also alleged that the referee never saw the incident which was alleged to have been reported to the linesman by the fourth official at the game.

Such happenings make a laughing stock of the game of soccer in this country and it's little wonder crowds are dwindling.

Prior to his send off, Soper was fouled by CSC

sweeper Ante Rumora who was given a yellow card for his offence!

CSC opened the scoring in the 20th minute when John Gibson headed home a Tom Milicevic cross.

Eagles goalkeeper Peter Gunning made a valiant effort to save but Gibson's header was too well placed.

CSC had the better of the first half.

In the second period CSC went further ahead when in the 59th minute Tony

Krslovic scored a penalty after Eagles Paul Foster fouled Milicevic.

The 10 man Parramatta side fought on gamely and reduced the score line when Paul Foster netted in the 84th minute.

Sydney CSC deserved its win and created the most chances.

However the controversial issue of the Soper send off clouded the result.

SYDNEY CSC: Kalac, Kupresak, Popovic, Petkovic (Zec 76), Milicevic, Rumora (Caleta 69), Stanton, Lamond, Krslovic,

Hrstodoulou, Gibson.
PARRAMATTA: P. Gunning, Clantar, Gomez, Wheatley, Souris, Genc, Reda, Foster (Lowe 87), Soper, G. Gunning, Mendez (Adioski 58).
SCORERS: Gibson (20), Krslovic (59), Foster (84).

REFEREE: Rob Davies.

YELLOW CARDS: Kupresak (CSC), Popovic (CSC), Rumora (CSC), Foster (Parra).

RED CARD: Soper (Parra).

CROWD: 4270
POINTS: 3-Kupresak,



MARSHALL SOPER

City on the move



ADELAIDE CITY 1
WEST ADELAIDE 0



Sellout game brings success for City.....

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE City not only jumped into joint top place with West Adelaide and Parramatta with their 1-0 win over the Sharks on Sunday, they also set up a sellout gate for the League Cup first round clash on November 18.

Despite rain and the Australian Grand Prix, 8,100 fans turned out for the first National League derby of the season.

The local giants turned on some fantastic soccer, aided by Sydney referee John Fraser, who let the game flow but also stomped on anyone who got out of line.

But it must be said that apart from some dramatics from Hugo Gimenez there was little for him to complain about, and both teams tried to play the purest of soccer.

The vital strike came from socceroo and olyroo Carl Veart in the 65th minute when he ran on to a cross from the right delivered by fellow roo Damien Mori.

Veart, as he so often does,

ran onto the ball and "bodied" it into the net.

There were other chances, particularly for West in the first half when they looked as if they would run all over last year's champions.

Greg Brown shot wide in the 13th minute, when Iriarte missed from a Raymond Blair pass followed by a Stan Lazaridis shot which went over the bar.

Lazaridis had a temendous first half when he at times left Paul Shillabeer for dead with his raids down the left flank from his left back position.

The fullback almost struck again with a telling cross but Socceroo goalkeeper Robert Zabica came out to cut out the ball.

City then threatened when Joe Mullen from midfield charged in but hit the ball over the bar, as did Gimenez for the Sharks from a pass by Blair.

As the half drew to a close Greg Brown struck out it was too high, then City skipper Alex Tobin came up from his central defensive role to strike only to see Peter Blazincic clutch the ball safely.

The second half saw City coach Zoran Matic send on former key striker Steve Maxwell, struggling to hold a place in the squad, never mind the first 11.

While he did not get the game on fire as a threat in front of goal, he meshed into the team as a purveyor.

And he did have one tremendous shot but it was held by Blazincic who dived to his right when big Max collected a pass from Mori. The City pressure continued in the second half as Veart fired in a shot which Blazincic had to hold, and again it was Veart who called the keeper back into action.

The City pressure was a good sign for coach Matic who had criticised his players in previous games because they faded late in the game.

But over the 90 minutes Matic and fellow coach Raul Blanco must have been pleased with the performances of their stars — the fans certainly appreciated the non-stop action, particularly in the first half.

For the new guys of both teams, this was their first

taste of an Adelaide derby in front of fanatical fans, and they came through it in style.

It's goals that count and City got that vital strike although they started as the underdogs.

And now the Sharks and Zebras can press on in their bid to finish well up in the top six.

And stand by for more action in the Cup.

WEST ADELAIDE: Blazincic, Mills, Lazaridis, Slager, Hocker, Blair, Brazzale (Briscoe 80m), Gimenez, Ricoy, Iriarte, Brown.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica, Shillabeer, Grbevski, Ivanovic, Tobin, Mella, Mullen, Mori, Csoboth (R Alolsi 86m), Veart, Obradovic (Maxwell ht).

SCORER: Veart 65m for Adelaide City.

YELLOW CARDS: Blair for West Adelaide, Grbevski, Mella for Adelaide City.

REFEREE: John Fraser.

CROWD: 8,100.

POINTS: Mullen 3, Veart 2, Blair 1.



CARL VEART

The lions den!

Morwell get eaten by South Melbourne



SOUTH MELBOURNE 2
MORWELL FALCONS 0



BY GREG BLAKE

MORWELL FALCONS walked into the lion's den at Middle Park on Sunday intent on finding out just how good they really are.

Although the scoreline gave South Melbourne the nod by a meagre 2-0, the answer Morwell got was an emphatic not very (good) and probably borderline pathetic.

On an evening when Mike Petersen decided to shine and the Paul Trimboli - Francis Awaritefe partnership started to take shape for the Blues for the first time, the Falcons were left wingless.

Now renowned for their slow starting, Morwell were two down inside 20 minutes as Trimboli and Petersen chimed in with 16th and 20th minute strikes respectively.

No second half comebacks for Morwell this weekend however, as South Melbourne stepped up the pace and if not for keeper Steve Mautone, the woodwork and some surprisingly inept finishing the Falcons would have been slaughtered.

Morwell coach Bobby McLachlan's stated intention is for his side to not get blown away this year, and after Sunday's effort he called the club's inaugural CCSL campaign "a learning experience".

He probably learned that another effort like this one will not go unpunished by the top sides, as it did on Sunday.

Playing football like a stampede, the Blues overcame some token early resistance to score 16 minutes in, Con Boutsianis curling in a corner and Trimboli beating the outstretched arms of Mautone

by centimetres with a brave diving header to make it 1-0.

Petersen, who spent the first half hour spraying passes up and down the park in audacious fashion, fed Awaritefe with the second goal four minutes later, the latter marginally beating the offside trap before lobbing luckless Mautone for 2-0.

Except for a couple of half-hearted penalty appeals towards the end of each half, Morwell produced nothing.

At the other end it was a procession as South Melbourne carved out another nine clear scoring chances and maintained the pressure all afternoon.

Boutsianis and Trimboli were both denied by the woodwork, Mautone stopped certain goals from Boutsianis and Petersen and Zoran Markovski, one of the few Morwell players who wasn't whipped, denied Trimboli with a goal line clearance.

When it wasn't physical obstacles keeping the Blues at bay, the misses left South Melbourne fans wincing in their seats.

Trimboli, a master of space and time and possessed of remarkable instinct, twice stopped to measure curling shots from the edge of the penalty area which flew tantalisingly close to the target.

And South's junkyard dog, Gary Hasler, decided to take matters into his own hands with some power running and shooting, planting one shot across goal which flew within centimetres of Awaritefe's outstretched boot.

In the end even Mehmet Durakovic was linking up in attack and providing (unsuccessful) strikes on the Morwell goal.

McLachlan will argue his side's claims in a seemingly narrow 2-0 defeat, but the Falcons were staring down the barrel on Sunday and South Melbourne failed to pull the trigger.

And a final word on the ABSW votes on this game; apologies to South Melbourne's dynamic Danny Wright, who deserved better than to be overlooked in the top three.

SOUTH MELBOURNE:



PAUL TRIMBOLI

Maclaren, Muscat, Wright, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Hasler, Petersen, Trimboli, Boutsianis, Awaritefe.
MORWELL: Mautone, Markovski, Harris, Thorpe, Della Rocca, Pender, Black (McMullen HT),

Becvinovski, Wright, Waddell, Cassar.
GOALS: Trimboli 16m and Awaritefe 20m for Sth Melbourne.
YELLOW CARDS: Muscat 87m for Sth Melbourne; Harris 35m, Becvinovski

37m and Cassar 68m for Morwell.
REFEREE: Dennis Voutsinas
CROWD: 4000
VOTES: 3 - Trimboli (SM); 2 - Petersen (SM); 1 - Awaritefe (SM)

Alas poor Preston



PRESTON 0
NEWCASTLE 0



BY CON STAVROS

PRESTON'S season of discontent continued unabated through the weekend, with the visiting

Newcastle Breakers clinging their way to a fortuitous scoreless draw.

Preston, ebbled on by a partisan crowd begging for a much needed first up win,

completely dominated the match and were denied success only through the sheer brilliance of goalkeeper Mike Gibson and some unbelievable misfortune.

Newcastle, featuring former Preston star Warren Spink in attack, came into the match as the lowest scoring team in the league and despite an early Spink shot on goal, were quickly overwhelmed.

Spink's chance, the only true effort by the visitors all evening, came in the 12th minute with Spink's direct header from an accurate Ralph Maier cross being superbly saved by 200 game veteran, Phil Trianedes.

Preston carved out nine clear cut scoring opportunities in reply throughout the remainder of the fixture, but each time a goal looked certain, Newcastle, as coach Bruce Stowell aptly summarized, "rode luck all the way".

Aside from the heroics of Gibson in goal, Newcastle were also salvaged by the solid defensive work of Andy Kozcka and Darren Stewart, who marshalled bodies

around the ball every time Preston came forward.

Preston's star was youngster Goran Lozanovski who filled an unusual left-back role with considerable flair and vision.

Lozanovski, when he wasn't creating chances from the left, was blasting long range shots at goal for Gibson to somehow turn away.

Preston's first chance came in the 16th minute as Lozanovski teed up a cross for John Markovski to fire into the path of Gibson's dive.

Just two minutes later an amazing goalmouth scramble saw Markovski, Andrew Zinni and Spase Najdoski all denied clear goal opportunities by the frantic efforts of Gibson and a posse of defenders literally throwing their bodies at the ball.

Later chances in the match fell to Kris Trajanovski who failed because of poor control; Najdoski who had two close range shots parried by Gibson and Markovski who watched in amazement as Gibson somehow deflected his shot from point blank range in the 85th minute.

Preston continued its avalanche of pressure right up until the final whistle, with the ultimate nightmare of a shot against the post providing the

icing on the frustration cake in the 87th minute.

Markovski at that stage had curled a piledriver from twelve yards and was almost beginning his victory lap when the ball miraculously struck the inside of the post and ricocheted back into play.

Whilst Stowell heaved a huge sigh of post-match relief and heaped due praise on Gibson, counterpart Oscar Crino, still winless with a club still on negative points, hinted at changes up front.

Crino made no secret of

the fact that he wanted a striker who could hold the ball and distribute it to fit into his plans.

Whilst no names were mentioned, I'll give the club my tip for what it's worth. Steve Smith from Premier League club Brunswick Juventus.

PRESTON: Trianedes, Roodhouse, Lozanovski, Jackson, Parton, Tacevski, Najdoski (McAleer 88m), Trajceviski, Trajanovski, Markovski, Zinni.

NEWCASTLE: Gibson, Maier, Koch (Roberts 75m), Stewart, Kozcka, Moffitt, Polak, Naumov, Spink, Meredith.

GOALS: Nil
YELLOW CARDS: Parton 42m and Jackson 67m for Preston, Meredith 77m for Newcastle.

REFEREE: Carlo Graser.
CROWD: 2800
VOTES: 3 - Lozanovski (P), 2 - Gibson (NB), 1 - Stewart (NB).

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Old Father Gibbo!

OLYMPIC Games striker John Gibson has been thrown into adopting a father image amongst the youthful squad which makes up Sydney CSC in the Coca-Cola Soccer League.

Gibson, the team's leading striker with three goals from five games, represented Australia at the Barcelona Olympics and had played for NSW from Under 14 to senior level.

"But we have a very young group at the present time and older players like myself at the age of 22 have to take a lot of responsibility," he said.

"There are only about four of us over 21 because coach Manfred Schaefer is giving a chance to the good youngsters coming through."

Gibson said Schaefer was giving him plenty of freedom in his left side attacking midfield role and this allowed him to get forward as much as possible.

But the club has been failing to put away the many chances created and lost successive games to Morwell and Newcastle.

"Four players hit the post against Morwell and we conceded two very soft goals," he said.

"Obviously we have to tighten our defence and take our chances. We can't expect the defenders always to keep out the goals."

Gibson, who was with Apia last year under Schaefer, played with Sydney CSC two years ago on loan.

He believes it will take time for the team to find its feet and for the young players to gain the necessary experience and confidence.

"We aren't being outplayed by any team."

"We're just lacking in experience among the youngsters," he said.

"So far we have dominated most games in the first half but tend to fall away at different stages in the second session."

"Training five nights a week is a help and the new rule outlawing back passes to the goalkeeper has speeded up play and created more goals and scoring chances."



JOHN GIBSON (L) IN ACTION AGAINST NEWCASTLE

Hodgson is back!

HEIDELBERG United have signed Doug Hodgson in a bid to bolster their flagging defence.

Hodgson returned last week to Melbourne after a five-week trial with English Second

Division club, Hull.

The defender has been offered a one-year contract.

Negotiations between Hull and Heidelberg over Hodgson broke down when the English club rejected an \$80,000 offer.

Hull only put up \$20,000 and Hodgson decided he had a brighter future in Australia.

Heidelberg have disappointed since a sterling Round 2 victory over last season's premiers Adelaide City.



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Now it's Zambia

THE ASF is trying to secure the visit of the Zambian national team in January as a result of Norway declining to tour Australia.

Zambia are one of the major powers in African soccer.

They made world headlines in 1988 when their Olympic side thrashed Italy 4-0 in Seoul to reach the quarter-finals.

Their star player is Bwalya Kalushi, who plays for Dutch champions PSV Eindhoven.

If Zambia do visit these shores, it will be thanks to John Warren, who did all the groundwork when he attended the African Nations' Cup earlier this year in Senegal and approached Zambian officials.

As we reported last week, the ASF hope to have the US national team in Australia in May -

before we take on New Zealand, on May 29 in Auckland and June 6 in Melbourne.

Then, if Australia eliminate the Kiwis, the Socceroos must play their home-and-away play-off series against the second placed team in North and Central America - almost certain to be Costa Rica, El Salvador or Canada - in the month of August.

Should, and that's perhaps a big ask, Australia overcome that hurdle, then the Socceroos will have two matches in Brazil en route to South America for their first play-off match against top class opposition.

The return game will be played at Sydney Football Stadium, possibly on the last Sunday in October.....but a lot of water will run under all our bridges until then.....

- LOU GAUTIER

Cup changes

THE 1992/93 League Cup will kick off tomorrow a week earlier than originally announced, with two (2) matches, Newcastle BHP Breakers v Parramatta Eagles at Mitre 10 Stadium, and Marconi Fairfield v Wollongong City Wolves at Marconi Stadium.

The League Cup has a new format for this season, with the first two (2) rounds played on a home and away basis. This brings the League Cup in line with cup competitions around the world. Furthermore, where scores are equal after the home and away games, away goals will count double.

The changes in the Cup and the evenness of the Coca-Cola Soccer League clubs in the League this year, makes for one of the best Cup competitions on record.

The first leg of the first round of matches to be played over the three (3) weeks, 11 November 1992 to 25 November 1992, sees some great clashes, with one of the highlights being the local derby between Adelaide City and the West Adelaide Sharks.

The League Cup could well be a financial windfall for the Coca-Cola Soccer League clubs as not only will there be prize money of \$25,000 and a prize pool made up of 10% of the nett takings throughout the season for the winners, but there is also a return of income to all clubs based on which rounds they participate in. Clubs also receive gate receipts after costs, leaving the only outlay for clubs being the match payments.

Defending Cup holders, Adelaide City, will be determined to repeat their performance of last year, when they took out the Cup and the League Championship, the first club ever to take the double.

DRAW

ROUND ONE (1) - 1st LEG WED. NOVEMBER 11, 1992

NEWCASTLE BHP	V	PARRAMATTA EAGLES
MARCONI F'FIELD	V	WOLLONGONG CITY

WED. NOVEMBER 18, 1992

STH MELBOURNE	V	MORWELL FALCONS
MELBOURNE CSC	V	PRESTON
ADELAIDE CITY	V	WEST ADELAIDE
HEIDELBERG	V	BYE
SYDNEY CSC	V	BYE

WED. NOVEMBER 25, 1992

SYDNEY OLYMPIC	V	BRISBANE UNITED
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ROUND ONE (1) - 2nd LEG WED. DECEMBER 2, 1992

MORWELL	V	STH MELBOURNE
PRESTON	V	VS MELBOURNE CSC
WEST ADELAIDE	V	ADELAIDE CITY
BYE	V	HEIDELBERG UTD
BRISBANE UTD	V	SYDNEY OLYMPIC

WED. DECEMBER 9 1992

P'MATTA EAGLES	V	NEWCASTLE BHP
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WED. DECEMBER 16, 1992

WOLLONGONG	V	MARCONI FAIRFIELD
BYE	V	SYDNEY CSC

South Sea tour is off

THE Young Socceroos' visit to New Caledonia later this month is off.

The New Caledonian Soccer Federation has withdrawn its offer of a four-game tour.

Youth national coach Les Scheinflug will stage a four-day camp for the Young Socceroos starting on November 16.

This camp will serve as preparation for the December series between the young Australians and South American champions Brazil.

Scheinflug is also banking on an overseas trip in January to make sure the Young Socceroos are well prepared for the FIFA Coca-Cola Cup in March.

And while on the subject of tours, the ASF is negotiating with the national teams of Japan and South Korea to join the Socceroos and African giants Zambia in an international tournament here in January.

— LOU GAUTIER



News from the inside

By Pancho Villa

Very heavy stuff!

Give the boys a break

BRISBANE United cannot be successful in the Coca-Cola Soccer League unless players are given some reprieve from their year round commitment, said coach Miron Bleiberg.

Bleiberg has appealed to the Queensland Soccer Federation to finish the local competition, the XXXX League earlier, so his players have time to prepare for the summer season.

He said teams in South Australia, Victoria and NSW have time to recuperate and then have a pre-season together before the national competition starts.

"Parramatta started training under new coach (Rale) Rasic in mid-July and Marconi six times a week in August," said Bleiberg.

"There is no way we can

compete in the NSL if players have only two weeks from the finish of the XXXX League finals.

"Doctors and psychologists all say players need at least four weeks rest and then we must have a pre-season together if Brisbane wants to be successful."

Queensland Soccer Federation Secretary, Jim Gilbert said he understood the players' problem but no change could be made in the present situation.

"It's impossible to shorten the XXXX League season while we have a 12 team competition," said Gilbert.

"There is simply no room to manoeuvre. Other states have more rounds (Victoria 30 to Queensland's 22) in which to squeeze the odd extra game."

"We tried to double up one weekend a couple of

seasons ago to test the water and the clubs screamed — we had to drop it."

Bleiberg said it was not a selfish request on his part as ultimately a well prepared and successful Brisbane United would benefit all Queensland soccer.

"If we are successful the crowds will come back to soccer in Queensland and all will gain. Juniors have something to strive for and the clubs will eventually do better financially," said Bleiberg.

"I realise the QSF cannot change overnight but maybe gradually one week next year and then the next."

Gilbert said 1993 would be the QSF's busiest ever with the new interstate series, the World Youth Cup and NSL finishing a month later.

— By ROB BLACK



Alan Hunter

SUCCESSFUL West Adelaide coach Raul Blanco reckons if his team keeps on winning and at the top of the table he will soon have a figure like former South Melbourne mentor Ferenc Puskas!

"I'm being invited out to have meals with supporters every day and it's playing havoc with the figure," Blanco said.

"Now I know why

Ferenc Puskas was so

portly when he won the

title with South

Melbourne.

"Mind you I'm not

complaining.

"I can always go to a

health farm at the end

of the season to lose

the extra weight."

It's not funny!

SYDNEY OLYMPIC general manager Stefan Kamasz is livid and would like to get his hands on the 'clown' who put the rumour around that Olympic are just five minutes from going bankrupt!

"This is sickening and just not true," Kamasz said.

"Whispering campaigns such as this do nothing but harm no matter how wrong they are."

"Our club is OK financially and we are not going broke."

"Let's hope this is the end of this garbage."

MEAT IN THE SANDWICH



OLYROO striker Zlatko Arambasic has been the real meat in the sandwich in the continued brawl at the Mechelen club between the present president and the former president.

It seems they are both having a go at each other and Zlatko, whose contract is owned by the former presi, has become the 'whipping boy'.

This has kept him sidelined for longer than he wished for and his transfer to Olympic was 'put on hold'.

It's just amazing how players are made to suffer in makings not of their own in present day football!

Dash home

SOCCEROO coach Eddie Thomson flew to Scotland last week to be with his mother who has suffered a heart attack.

Thomson was scheduled to leave this week with assistant coach Les Scheinflug to put together the Australian players in Europe for two matches as part of the World Cup preparation.

"When I got the news about my mother I decided to leave earlier and see her but I'll still be at Arnhem in Holland by Tuesday to start work on the team," he said.



Eddie Thomson

On strike

WOLLONGONG coach David Ratcliffe has attacked critics who have condemned the low scoring rate in this season's National Soccer League.

After five rounds, Newcastle was the lowest scoring team with three goals, followed by Preston, Adelaide City and Wollongong with four.

"People are saying the number of goals is down but I can't see how it can be otherwise because of the number of strikers leaving the country," he said.

"It's too difficult putting kids in and expecting them to score against players like Socceroo defenders Milan Ivanovic and Alex Tobin. They'll always finish on top."

"Strikers still here cost an arm and a leg and even then it will probably take them time to settle."

New boy

MELBOURNE CSC bolstered its already powerful strike force by signing prospective young Socceroo Adrian Cervinski.

Cervinski, who netted 11 times for Victorian Premier League champion North Geelong last season, is regarded as one of the brightest prospects in Victoria and has been recommended for national honours.

The sharpshooter said national coach Les Scheinflug had been in touch with North Geelong about him training with the Young Socceroos and he was just waiting for a phone call.

The striker, who turns 19 next month, believes he has what it takes to make it in the National League and just wants a chance to prove his ability.

He has been trialling with Melbourne for the past fortnight and has impressed coach Ken Murphy with his shooting ability and tenacity.

"He's a good clean striker of a ball and for a young lad he doesn't mind putting himself about," Murphy said.

The coach said Cervinski would be in the first team squad and would add to CSC's already potent attack.



David Ratcliffe



WIN TICKETS TO BIG DRAW

ABSW is offering its readers 20 double passes to the 7th World Youth Soccer Cup Championship draw.

The big draw ceremony will be held at the Darling Harbour Convention Centre from 3pm to 4.30 pm on Friday, November 20.

Performing at the draw will be the Bangarra Aboriginal Dance Theatre Company and Radio Freedom.

The ceremony will decide the draw for the World Youth Championships for the Coca-Cola Cup to be held here in Australia from March 5-21 next year.

ABSW will give away 20 double passes for the ceremony.

To enter the competition for a chance to win a double pass, simply **DIAL (02) 660 2033** ask for ABSW and name the host country for the 7th World Youth Championship for the FIFA/Coca-Cola Cup.

The first correct 20 entries will win the passes.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

Northern and Southern Divisions

Reports from Roy Hay in Victoria and David Cooper in NSW

SOUTHERN DIVISION

BY ROY HAY

THE league ladder resumed a more normal appearance after round six of the National Youth League (Southern Division) as South Melbourne and Preston got back on top following big wins against Morwell Falcons and Melbourne CSC Colts respectively.

Falcons took the lead against South Melbourne at Middle Park through Adam Reddix, but South hit back with goals by John Pappas and John Verikakis before the interval.

In the second half it powered away as Verikakis added another, and Con Anthopoulos and Jim Karakyriakos also scored to leave a 5-1 result in favour of South Melbourne.

Robert Stojcevski dominated the match between Preston and Melbourne CSC Colts, scoring himself and having a hand in several others.

Nick Lazarevski scored a

hattrick and Zoran Bizimovski, Zlatko Ilievski and Nick Georgopoulos with a penalty made up Preston's seven. The Colts stuck at their thankless task and Ivan Babic and John Jelinicic grabbed a couple of goals for them.

Indiscipline cost the Victorian Institute of Sport two players in the match against Melbourne CSC at Kevin Bartlett Reserve and the Institute was lucky to hang on for a scoreless draw with nine men.

Early on the VIS might have taken the lead when Andy Vargas and Alan McClure just failed to get a touch on Chris Sterjovski's free kick, but Leo Stolica was denied by the cross-bar as Melbourne CSC began to make numbers tell in the second half.

Steve Wardle denied Stolica again with a great save, while substitute Joe Tricarico for the VIS did his best to raise the siege.

Leigh Tsoumerkas, Aaron Healey and Jack Androulidakis were great in defence for the VIS and Robert Liucci was lively in the midfield, while Denis Bergam and Krunoslav Razov were most consistent for

Melbourne CSC.

Springvale City's spell at the top was ended when Brunswick United won by two goals to one at the Springvale United ground. Mauro Sasso scored both goals for Brunswick and Richard Varga replied for Springvale.

Heidelberg United defeated Altona Gate 3-1 at Paisley Park, with goals by Peter Tiktikakis, Con Sindrivanis and Paul Paspalis.

Altona Gate's reply was by Majan Jolakovski. The match was more even than the score suggests, but Altona Gate failed to take its chances in front of goal.

Bulleen downed South Melbourne Colts by two goals to one at Middle Park on Saturday.

Peter Kontogeorgis bent a fierce free kick round the Bulleen wall and into the net despite a finger-tip effort to save by Robert Di Francesco.

Bulleen came back straight away and David Gargaro finished off a pass from Gary Frezzini.

Bulleen's winner in the second half was a classic goal as Gargaro put Jason Maiale away down the right and his cross was directed past Michael Lilikakis by the man-

of-the-match Michael Nasso.

Both sides played open attractive soccer with Jim Latinopoulos of South Melbourne and Nasso and Dario Marino of Bulleen getting through a power of work in the heat.

Sunshine George Cross defeated Heidelberg United Colts by two goals to nil at Olympic Village. Nick Radecki opened in the first half and Greg Georgakakis scored the second after the interval.

In a catch-up game from round two, Heidelberg United and Brunswick United drew 0-0 at Olympic Village on Wednesday, November 4.

GOALSCORERS

5 Tony Neceski (AG)
4 Nick Lazarevski (P),
John Verikakis (SM).

This week's matches

All kick-offs 4.00 pm,
except where indicated.

Wednesday 11
November 1992

Preston v Heidelberg Utd
Colts (5.45 pm)

Sth Melbourne Colts v

Morwell Falcons (6.00 pm)
VIS v Melbourne CSC Colts
(6.00 pm)

Saturday 14 November
1992

Sth Melbourne Colts v VIS
Morwell Falcons v Preston
(5.00 pm)

Sunshine GC v Sth
Melbourne
Brunswick Utd v Heidelberg
Utd Colts

Bulleen v Melbourne CSC
Colts

Sunday 15 November

Heidelberg Utd v
Springvale City (3.45 pm)
Melbourne CSC v Altona
Gate (3.45 pm).

RESULTS ROUND 2

HEIDELBERG UTD 0
BRUNSWICK UTD 0

ROUND 6

STH MELBOURNE

COLTS 1 (Kontogeorgis)

BULLEEN 2 (Gargaro,
Nasso), HEIDELBERG

UTD COLTS 0

SUNSHINE GC 2

(Radecki, Georgakakis),

VIS 0 MELBOURNE CSC
0, ALTONA GATE 1
(Jolakovski)

HEIDELBERG UTD 3

(Tiktikakis, Sindrivanis,
Paspalis), SPRINGVALE

CITY 1 (Varga)

BRUNSWICK UTD 2

(Sasso 2), STH
MELBOURNE 5

(Verikakis 2, Pappas,
Karakyriakos,
Anthopoulos) MORWELL

FALCONS 1 (Reddix),

PRESTON 7 (Lazarevski

3, Ilievski, Stojcevski,

Bizimovski, Georgopoulos)

MELBOURNE CSC

COLTS 2 (Babic,
Jelinicic).

LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melbourne	5	3	2	0	16	4	11
Preston	5	3	2	0	13	4	11
Brunswick Utd	6	3	2	1	8	9	11
VIS	4	3	1	0	10	1	10
Springvale C.	6	2	3	1	15	7	9
Heidelberg Utd	5	2	2	1	7	4	8
Bulleen	6	2	2	2	12	13	8
Melbourne CSC	5	1	4	0	8	5	7
Sunshine GC	6	1	3	2	8	11	6
Morwell F.	4	2	0	2	9	13	6
Altona Gate	6	1	1	4	9	15	4
Melb CSC Colts	4	1	1	2	6	14	4
Sth Melb Colts	5	0	1	4	5	12	1
Heidelberg C.	5	0	0	5	2	16	0

NB 3 points for a win

NORTHERN DIVISION

BY DAVID COOPER

WHOEVER said "football is a funny game" wasn't far from the truth after what has happened in the past couple of weeks.

Two weeks ago Sydney Olympic Colts comprehensively beat the AIS 2-0. Then last weekend Newcastle BHP absolutely walloped the Colts 7-0.

Well the funny side came about this weekend when Newcastle travelled to Canberra to take on the AIS.

The AIS came back to form with devastating effect, when they completely outclassed Newcastle to the tune of 8-1.

The AIS could not have started off any better when John Angelucci scored in the opening minute. Mark Viduka didn't waste any time adding to his tally of five goals so far this season, when he added a second after 13 minutes.

With such a good start, you could have been forgiven if you thought the AIS would relax.

However, they didn't and continued to push forward, looking for more goals. Joel Merino added the third and then Viduka added his second to make it 4-0 at halftime.

The second half was just as convincing with Andrew Senio and Angelucci both scoring within six minutes of the re-start.

Troy Halpin then scored Newcastle's only goal in the 73rd minute, while Josip Skoko and Angelucci with a fine hattrick, rounded off the scoring.

Sydney Olympic had a

disastrous week losing both games they played, however they still maintained their lead of the competition.

On Wednesday night they were defeated by Parramatta Eagles with the only goal of the game coming from former Olympic player Ari Triantafyllou just before halftime.

With the chance to pull right away from the field, Olympic were expected to prove too strong for the ACT Academy. However, the Academy had other ideas and battled away for a surprise 1-0 result. The vital goal coming from Lou Gasperi his first for the year.

Canterbury-Marrickville moved themselves up the ladder, after picking up four points from their two games.

On Wednesday night they took on Sydney Olympic Colts and came away with an exciting 3-3 draw. Steve Christoforidis finally got off the mark, with a fine double, while John Christou chipped in with the third.

The Colts goals came from a Jim Magiasis penalty, Mite Talceviski continued his good form in front of goals, while Laki Borzoutis chimed in for third goal.

Then on Saturday they recorded their first win, a 2-0 result over Sydney CSC Colts, with Con Tsaousidis once again getting his name on the goalscorers list with a double.

Sydney Olympic Colts

fought back tremendously to

force a 2-2 draw with bottom

placed St George.

Aided by a strong breeze,

St George put a lot of

pressure on the Colts defence

early with goalkeeper Steve

Tolias making some brilliant

saves to deny the hosts, and

keep the halftime score at 0-0.

It wasn't until the 58th

minute when the first goal was

scored by St George's David Zdrilic who beat two defenders on the six yard box and blasted his shot past Tolias.

St George went two up seven minutes later when a cross from the right was allowed to pass by no less than four defenders and Darren McDonald slid in to force the ball over the line.

However, to their credit the young Colts did not drop their bundle and pulled a goal back with an opportunist goal from 40 yards by Basil Stamoulis.

Olympic's equaliser was equally as spectacular when from a free-kick, St George cleared the ball as far as Jim Magiasis who was about 30 yards out and he took one touch and then hit a superb shot through a crowd of players, giving Mark Nestorovic in the St George goal absolutely no chance.

Meanwhile, probably the clash of the round saw Sydney CSC take on Parramatta Eagles a repeat of last year's preliminary final.

Both sides needing a win for different reasons sought

out each in the first half with neither side able to score.

The game came to life in the second half when CSC's form striker Mario Jerman scored his fourth goal of the year in the 63rd minute. But their lead only lasted 12 minutes when Tom Haythornthwaite scored an excellent equaliser for the Eagles.

ROUND 6 RESULTS

SYDNEY CSC 1 (Jerman)

PARRAMATTA EAGLES 1

(Haythornthwaite),

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0

ACT ACADEMY 1

(Gasperi), SYDNEY

OLYMPIC COLTS 2

(Stamoulis, Magiasis) ST

GEORGE 2 (Zdrilic, D

McDonald),

CANTERBURY-

MARRICKVILLE 2

(Tsaousidis 2) SYDNEY

CSC COLTS 0, AIS 8

(Angelucci 3, Viduka 2,

Skoko, Senluk, Merino)

NEWCASTLE BHP 1

LEAGUE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Syd Olympic	6	4	0	2	21	5	12
ACT	4	3	0	1	14	4	9
Marconi	5	3	0	2	15	8	9
Sydney CSC	6	2	3	1	8	8	9
Wollongong C.	4	2	1	1	11	6	7
Parramatta Eag	4	2	1	1	4	4	7
Newcastle BHP	6	2	1	3	12	16	7
ACT Academy	5	2	1	2	6	7	5
Olympic Colts	6	1	3	2	10	17	5
Canberra Utd	4	1	2	1	7	5	5
Syd CSC Colts	5	1	1	3	4	14	4
Burnsby	4	1	1	2	7	19	4
St George	2	0	2	5	6	20	2



THIS WEEKEND'S COCA-COLA SOCCER LEAGUE FIXTURES

ROUND 7

Saturday November 14

Brisbane Utd v Syd. Olympic 7.00pm Perry Park
Morwell Falcons v Preston 7.00pm Crinigen Rd Res.
Marconi Ffield v Newcastle BHP 7.30pm Marconi Stadium

Sunday November 15

★ Heidelberg Utd v West Adelaide 5.45pm Olympic Village
Melbourne CSC v Wollongong C 5.45pm Somers Street
★ Pimatta Eagles v Sth Melbourne 6.00pm Melita Stadium
Adelaide City v Sydney CSC 6.00pm Hindmarsh Stad.

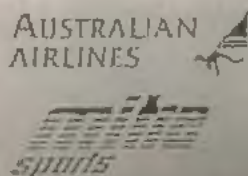
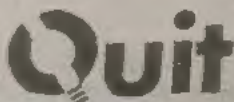
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MELBOURNE CSC VETERAN THEO SELEMIDES CHASED BY OLYMPIC'S DAVID SEAL

PREVIEW ROUND 7

By Alistair Russell

THE RESURGENCE of Victorian duo South Melbourne and Melbourne CSC dominates the scene as the CCSL reaches Round Seven.

This week the stumbling Parramatta Eagles must stop Souths charge at Melita Stadium, while at Somers St fourth faces fifth, when CSC host Wollongong.

The Eagles after such a perfect opening to the campaign, have not managed to pick up maximum points in their last three outings, will come face to face with their own destiny against a Souths team just finding their way, without a loss in their last three fixtures.

Paul Trimboh, Paul Wade and Mike Petersen combined to smash Morwell into submission last start, this trio will be uppermost in Rale Rasic's mind as the Eagles coach plots the visitors downfall in the match of the round.

The home side must get out of low gear or face a demolition job from their well equipped visitors, in recent matches the Eagles scrambled a point from West Adelaide before surrendering to Manfred Schaefer's

young Sydney CSC in an upset on Sunday.

Rasic will sorely miss the goalscoring talents of suspended striker Marshall Soper, his four goals have been instrumental in getting the Eagles to the top, adding pressure to back up strikers Paul Foster and David Lowe to break down the Souths tightened backline that has not allowed a goal in their last two matches.

With talent to burn all over the park on both sides, the match ups between Petersen and Wade for Souths against Michael Reda and Aytac Genc for the home side, should provide a tantalising contest that alone deserves to pull a bumper crowd to Granville.

Hapless Olympic, riding low in second last spot take their problems north of the border for a daunting clash with a confident Brisbane.

The hapless Olympic are yet to win away from home, picking up just a point in three matches, while United continue to dominate visiting sides, having dropped just one point at Perry Park this season.

With the news of Brisbane's intentions to stay on at Perry and not take over the lease at Lang Park, Miron Bleiberg again has his side firing, knocking off third placed Marconi at the weekend.

For United Chris Slater and John Brown in attack are in brilliant form, and although Frank Pimblett remains in doubt through injury, the Cranley clan, Sean and Troy have handled the tough going at the highest level with aplomb.

Having conceded nine goals in just six starts, Olympic coach Peter Raskopoulos may have to rearrange his unsettled backline, if Andrew Bernal recovers from illness the Olympic skipper will certainly return after missing the defeat by Melbourne CSC through suspension.

While Branko Milosevic has been Olympic's best, Robbie Ironside, David Seal and Peter Katholos are yet to produce the goods.

Gary Phillips may force his way back off the bench after the poor result against Melbourne CSC, while Zlatko Arambasic remains side-lined over his transfer wrangle, and Abbas Saad may still become an option with Olympic desperate for points.

With only one victory in six matches the Sydney-siders are above just wooden spoon favourites Preston, and anything short of three points could see Olympic slip further from the top six.

Melbourne CSC, plundering defences with monotonous regularity over recent weeks, host unbeaten misers Wollongong at Somers St.

The match puts the best attacking side in the league, the hosts with 12 goals to date, against the tightest defence, the Wolves have allowed just three goals this season.

Ollie Pondetjak, now the league's top scorer with five in the last three matches along with Bogdan Bonk and young star Mark Sihc hold the key if the home side are to continue to smash home the goals.

With three wins on the trot, the Victorians have recovered from their poor start to seriously threaten the leading clubs, scoring nine times and conceding one goal in the past three weeks.

At home Ken Murphy's men have also been in fine fettle, winning the last two and bagging seven goals in the process.

The Wolves however will prove a difficult proposition for the defending minor premiers, the South Coasters remain unbeaten thus far, but have drawn all three away from home, conceding two goals.

Coach David Ratcliffe may have sorted out his goalscoring dilemma, import Dale White finally broke his

drought with a special against Heidelberg, but of the leading clubs, the Wolves six goals is the second worst.

Richard Lloyd may make his return after a two match suspension, but Ratcliffe could be excused for maintaining the status quo that easily accounted for an in form Heidelberg.

CSC, with the home advantage and Wollongong backing up after a midweek Cup tie at Marconi, will start the narrowest of favourites, but can ill afford to take this Wolves side too lightly.

Morwell, good enough for two goals a game at their Cringen Reserve home base, should get by bottom of the ladder Preston without too many problems on Saturday.

New Preston mentor Oscar Crino may have other ideas, his charges did have Newcastle on the rack despite failing to deliver the killer blow, and in recent weeks have displayed some semblance of form that may get at least one win this season.

In other matches, Marconi resplendant at home should knock over Newcasatle, likewise Adelaide City at Hindmarsh over Sydney CSC, while Heidelberg on their home patch should be worth a draw against equal leaders West Adelaide.

PERSONALITY ★ PLAYER ★



NAME: Matthew Bingley
CLUB: Marconi-Fairfield SC
BIRTH DATE: 16.08.71
PLACE: Australia
CITY: Auburn, Sydney
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 185cms, 75kg
MARRIED: No
HOME: Merrylands
NICKNAME: Bringers
CAR: Holden Commodore
OCCUPATION: Full-time soccer player
PREVIOUS CLUBS: St. George
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Tottenham Hotspur
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Marco van Basten
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Aytac Genc
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Marshall Soper
FAVOURITE GROUND: Marconi Stadium
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Youth World Cup Semi-final Australia v Portugal
BIGGEST THRILL: As above
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing a game
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Australia U16s & U20s
WORST INJURY: Minor injury
FAVOURITE POSITIONS: Midfield
OTHER FAVOURITE SPORT: Golf
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything
PRE MATCH MEAL: Whatever
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Anything
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Married With Children
BEST FRIEND: M. M. M.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: M. M. M. & Frank Ark
AMBITIONS: To play for Australia in a World Cup
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Watching from the bench
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Fabio Maccone
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: E. E. E.
TEAM TO BEAT THIS YEAR: Adelaide City

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Out on a limb

BY PAUL GOODWIN

FORMER Apia Leichhardt captain, Brian Ellem, doesn't blame anyone but himself for his current plight.

Like a number of other notables, including top ranking goalkeeper Tony Franken for instance, Ellem has been out on a limb since the Apia management agreed to an ASF suggestion to win their way back to the NSL ranks through the State Super League next winter.

Some players had already decided to move elsewhere, but many others continued to train with the inner city club, pending a decision on the team's future by the courts.

When the official receiver announced the transfer fees applying to the retained players, Ellem found that other clubs, such as Sydney Olympic, where he trialled briefly, were reluctant to splash out that much for new players.

After all, it was a buyer's market, with only four Sydney teams instead of five and the financial controllers weren't offering any bargains as they endeavoured to clear the debts.

Without a club the stylish midfielder has quickly become disillusioned with soccer and thrown all his abundant energy into his own health and fitness management business, based on the northern fringes of the city.

He is clearly not alone in being priced out of the

market, yet having sat out the winter he now looks like waiting until the end of the summer season before he can pick up the threads with a Super League club, where there are more clubs vying for the services of a smaller pool of quality players.

Ellem has kept himself fit, it almost goes without saying, so should one of the local clubs be hunting his services he could slot into a side pretty quickly.

The way he feels at present, though, he is hardly bursting to get back on the field, such has been the effect of the sad Apia experience on him personally.

His faith and loyalty, he feels, backfired and he would have been wiser to chase a future elsewhere at the outset.

Brian Ellem captained Apia in 1991 and was prominent in the creative work of the team throughout his time with the Leichhardt club.

It wasn't his first NSL outfit - he had been with Blacktown City as a teenager, but spent his time in the youth team early on.

After a year out on loan to State League Ku-ring-gai he was recalled by the Demons and made an impact with that senior soccer under his belt.

Apia represented his future hopes after Blacktown moved back into the State League and he was delighted when he got the chance to join the strong NSL club.

He blossomed at Lambert Park, almost immediately, being appointed development officer, a role

he relished and so enjoyed the year spent at Leichhardt Ova. last season.

Captaincy was nothing new to the still fresh faced 25-year-old who as an Asquith Boys High School student was captain of both the NSW and Australian schoolboys side.

Born in Hornsby Heights, where he lived until the age of 10, Ellem moved from the local Heights club to Mount Colah about the time that the family moved to Berowra Heights.

After winning representative honours with Ku-ring-gai, the player linked up with the high profile Blacktown club, but he was happy to return to his old district when Denis Ford asked him to play with the Chasers and he learned much under the respected ASF accredited coach.

Whatever happens in the months ahead - and Ellem is willing to travel any reasonable distance to play the game - there is plenty to keep him busy during the working week.

His task in designing programmes for all manner of people is rewarding and it still leaves time for him to organise kick-about games of soccer with friends in the Manly area where he is now based.

Any club which decided to take a look at this talented and still maturing playmaker would hardly regret it, we feel.

It would not surprise to see the name Brian Ellem figure prominently on our TV screens and in the newspaper reports once more.



Brian Ellem

The tops

DAVID Stoddart, the 25-year-old White Eagle midfielder, is the 1992 Tasmanian Soccer Writers' Player-of-the-Year.

Stoddart polled 9 votes from those submitted by the writers, Walter Pless ("The Mercury"), John Tscheppera ("The Examiner"), Mike Denton ("The Advocate") and David Smith ("The Southern Star").

Devonport City midfielder, Charlie McCaffrey, was second with 7 votes, followed by Caledonians' Scottish goalkeeper, Neil Connell.

Launceston Juventus goalkeeper, Simon Miotto, obtained 2 votes, while the Devonport pair, defender John 'Snowy' Compagne, last year's winner, and striker Tommy McGinn, polled one vote each.

White Eagle midfielder, Scott Young, was the inaugural winner of the award in 1990.

Stoddart, who also finished as the top goalscorer in the Wrest Point Hotel Casino State League competition this year with 17 goals, has been a one-club man throughout his career.

He began playing with White Eagle's under-13 side in 1978, made his senior debut in 1983, and then went on to win five State League championship medals with White Eagle.

"It's certainly an honour to win the award, but I'm a little disappointed the club finished the season off so badly," Stoddart said.

"I'll be kicking on with White Eagle for quite a few years yet, however, as I have no intention of going anywhere else.

"I had a more consistent season than in previous years and it was nice to get among the goals.

"As a team, we just didn't put the goals away when it counted."

- WALTER PLESS

A CCSL stadium needed

BY WALTER PLESS

TASMANIA needs money and a suitable playing venue if it is to have a team in the Coca-Cola National Soccer League.

That is the opinion of Ian Holmes, the Executive Officer of the Australian Soccer Federation, who was in Hobart recently for the Vic Tuning Silver Medal presentation. KGV Soccer Park in the city of Glenorchy is undoubtedly a suitable venue.

Every visiting team that has ever played there, and that includes the Socceroos, has testified to that.

Finding the money and players required is a different kettle of fish, however.

"There are a number of essential issues that Tasmania has got to look at, and the first area is the question of finance, where Tasmania is in a similar situation to Western Australia," Mr Holmes said.

"Tasmania would need to make sure the club that goes into the competition would be capitalised to be able to run at

a loss for at least three years."

If participation in the NSL is still some years away, it does seem likely that Tasmania will take part in the state of origin series due to begin next season.

Mr Holmes is confident the interstate series will go ahead following a recent meeting in Sydney of the State Federations' general managers.

"We've prepared a set of draft rules which have gone out to the states to comment on and a proposed schedule of fixtures has been drawn up," Mr Holmes said.

"The states have been given until November 23 to come back to me and confirm their home dates and to make comments on the rules.

"It's my very firm belief that the competition will, in fact, get underway in 1993."

Mr Holmes said the ASF was keen to continue sending national representative teams to play matches in centres other than Sydney and Melbourne, including Tasmania.

Major World Cup qualifying matches could not

be played outside Sydney, however, because FIFA insisted such matches be played in all-seater stadiums.

"There really is only one football ground in Australia that meets that specification and that is in Sydney," Mr Holmes said.

"In Melbourne, we could use Olympic Park, but those areas where there is no seating for patrons we couldn't sell admission to.

"We can't go to grounds that have cricket pitches in the middle of them, nor can we go and use grounds that are chopped up by other football codes, the rugby league and the rugby union."

As for NSL clubs playing the occasional league match in Hobart, as teams in the AFL do, Mr Holmes said clubs had balked at the idea, but this did not mean it would not happen in the future.

"The idea has been canvassed, and clubs have been reluctant, but I believe the day is not far off when we ought to be taking a more forceful stand on encouraging that to take place," Holmes said.

"This would be a precursor to gauging what sort of support there would be for a club from Tasmania playing in the Coca-Cola Soccer League.

"The only way you can gauge that support, in a practical sense, is by staging fixtures involving Coca-Cola Soccer League clubs in such geographic centres."



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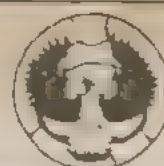
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Big shake up!

WHILE not all proposals put in the "Awake the Sleeping Giant" document will be adopted by the Council of Clubs at the annual general meeting on November 28, it is being tipped that soccer will receive a massive shake-up on the State scene.

Apart from being asked to mul over the massive "Giant" circular, clubs were also handed questionnaires to fill in relating to the proposals.

And to make sure all was clear the SA Soccer Federation sent out representatives to interview and discuss the future with clubs at an individual level.

"We left nothing to chance," said general manager Mr Tony Farrugia.

"Every club knows what is behind the plan. "The proposals have been spelt out and the answers in the questionnaires indicate everyone understood the document, and now we are drawing up proposals to put to the Council of Clubs.

"These are based on the answers we got, so it is the clubs who are asking for change, not just us.

"How far they will go and when the changes will be made is again up to the clubs."

One of the major proposals in the formation



ADELAIDE CITY'S DAMIAN MORI IN ACTION

of the long-awaited "Super League", made up of eight teams with invitations going out to clubs who want to become part of what will be known as the Premier League.

There will also be a First Division, Second Division and Third Division with the four leagues replacing the current First and Second Divisions.

The Federation is hoping that some clubs will merge to strengthen their cases for entry to one of the leagues, but so far, after a wild series

of rumours, only Lion and Port Adelaide have merged for next season.

While the revamping program is aimed at the State clubs, Mr. Farrugia has stressed the part being played by the Coca-Cola Soccer League giants.

"Interaction must be encouraged between Federation clubs and Adelaide City and West Adelaide if the game is to prosper and increase in popularity," he said.

"While both national league clubs are separate

identities they are part of the SA soccer family, and as their competition is not in direct conflict with our leagues there is no reason why the Federation should not be a 'mediator' between the national clubs and state clubs."

The criteria for admittance to the new Premier League is based basically on the requirements the Bradley Report adopted for selection of National League clubs in 1992-92, but has taken into account the State

requirements and excluded requirements of clubs at a national level.

The Premier League proposal has promotion and relegation built in, provided clubs due for promotion meet the criteria set for the Premier League.

Each club in the new league would have to pay a \$12,000 licence fee, which would be paid only once.

It would be refunded if a club was relegated, and provided it had made all its payments to the Federation.

An annual \$12,000 affiliation fee would be paid each season and indexed each year for CPI.

The fee would be paid in four instalments. Depending on sponsorship available it has been recommended that 60% of all prizemoney available be placed in the Premier League competition.

The current top five play-off format to find the League champions would revert to a top four series.

While plans for the Premier League are expected to be accepted, the reaction to the change of "ethnic names" and logos is causing concern.

The "Giant" document also stresses amalgamated club names should "enhance the name of the district it is representing while keeping the traditions of the clubs from which the new club

was born"

The commission has gone as far as to suggest possible combinations to produce one strong club in a district. The list reads, Azzurri-Campbellton, Cumberland, Birkalla, Blackwood, Olympians-Omonia, Lion-Croatia. Lion has already merged with Port Adelaide. Modbury-Para Hills-Salisbury, Polonia-Enfield, Seaford Noarlunga, Elizabeth-Apac, Beograd-Port Port has amalgamated

with Lion.

The document has stressed that the State cannot support 22 senior clubs playing at a high level.

The Commission has drawn up guidelines to help amalgamations and is offering every assistance to clubs who want to take what will be a major step.

But apart from Port and Lion there has been no great rush to form new clubs through takeovers, amalgamations or mergers.

MILDURA made an impressive start in their debut in the SA Youth League, coming to Adelaide and beating Port Lion 4-3 after leading 2-2 at half time.

In other opening round games Croatia beat Blackwood 2-0, West Adelaide thrashed Para Hills 7-1, while Polonia beat Campbelltown 3-0 and Adelaide City downed Enfield 1-0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEST	1	1	0	0	7	1	3
POLONIA	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
CROATIA	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
MILDURA	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
ADEL CITY	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
ENFIELD	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
PORT LION	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
BLACKWOOD	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
CAMPBELLTOWN	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
PARA	1	0	0	1	1	7	0
OLYMPIANS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

(had bye 1st round)

THIS WEEK

Port Lion v Blackwood, Mildura v Polonia, Enfield v Para Hills, Campbelltown v Olympians, Adelaide City v Croatia, West Adelaide bye.

STEVE Maxwell is going through a horror stretch, but Adelaide City coach Zoran Matic says he still has faith in the rugged striker.

"Mad Max" has been relegated to the bench and completely dropped from the first team squad twice as he struggles to find form.

"He has been too good a player to suddenly lose it all," said Matic.

"We've had a long talk about it and Max admits his confidence is down.

"But he has guts and he'll come back."

The climax to Maxwell's shocking run came in the match against Morwell when fans booed him after he missed in front of goal when he took the field as a substitute.

The jeering annoyed Matic who said it was no way to treat a player who

had given the club such valuable service.

"I don't like that sort of thing, and I hope these people will realise their mistake when Maxie makes his comeback."

Maxwell also struggled last season but thought it was because he had played so many guest games during the close season, and this time round made only two guest appearances in an effort to remain fresh for the new season.

However it didn't work, but he can take consolation from the fact that several of his team-mates are battling to put two good games together, and few of them appear capable of sustaining full pace or concentration for 90 minutes.

IT WILL be interesting to see who Matic lines up with this weekend against Sydney CSC at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Midfielder Robert Csoboth has been burning when sent on as a supersub, but when selected first up has faded quickly. Matic reckons the Hungarian Under 23 international is not fully fit weightwise, and is still wearing a bandage on his knee which was operated on during the close season.

Ross Aloisi has also been a sub, or substituted, as he struggles to overcome a groin injury which, according to his specialist, will eventually need an operation.

Maxwell and fellow striker Joe Barbaro will again be



TONY FARRUGIA

considered along with young John Aloisi.

Matic has been keen to try out John Aloisi and his Perth Youth Socceros Tony Carbone and Marc Wingell, but as they will take off on tour again on November 20, he may delay giving them a regular run.

Whatever the line-up Zebra fans will want nothing less than a convincing win.

WEST Adelaide take off for Heidelberg with coach Raul Blanco happy he has settled on a first team squad. While switching players each week he says this is being done on a "horses for courses" basis, depending on the opposition.

"Apart from keeping players happy we have to have them ready for any emergencies if we suffer injuries or suspensions," said Blanco.

He sprung a surprise two weeks ago when he included young Jimmy Tsekis in his travelling squad to Parramatta.

The youngster starred for Lion as a guest during the close season and although he didn't make the original first team

squad impressed Blanco in training and during internal trials.

SALISBURY'S Tony Gasparetto, confessed firebrand of the Foundation SA League, is still keen to have another go at impressing National League teams City and West.

"I'm only 24 and I reckon I have several more years in me," said Gasparetto who is now a regular star in the SA State team and can fill a striking or midfield role.

"Over-enthusiasm" has been his downfall in the past and he is far from the referees favourite son.

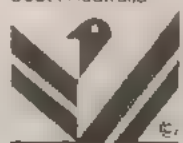
Had Salisbury made it further in the top five play-offs, one of the CCSL teams might have given Gasparetto a trial, but time is still on his side.

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The fighting Mac!

BY CON STAVROS

MORWELL coach Bobby McLachlan has hit back at thinly veiled suggestions that his team is playing sub-standard soccer.

The Falcons, who have got off to a bright start in their first year amongst the country's elite, have been subjected to some dismissive comments by visiting coaches to the Crinigan Road Reserve, who have lamented Morwell's kick and rush tactics.

Whilst Sydney Olympic made no secret of the fact in the season opener (which they lost), Sydney CSC through coach Manfred Schaefer, the latest Falcons casualty, have fuelled the fire.

"They played schoolboy football and dragged us

down to their level", Schaefer said after his side's recent 2-0 defeat.

Schaefer's comment, whilst bitter in the face of defeat, is in reality not too far off the mark.

Morwell, certainly early on against Sydney, were technically primitive.

That according to McLachlan is par for the course when you are dealing with a side fresh into the league.

"I've got a young team of players with barely any national experience", explains McLachlan, "what do people expect from us at this early stage?"

"We are still learning and we will develop as we go along."

"So far I am very happy with our performances, we've had two wins at home as well as a draw and I still regret losing to West Adelaide in a match where

we deserved at least a share of the points."

Playing style aside, Morwell have also come into some criticism for the difficulty and expense in reaching their ground.

Sydney CSC took the unusual step of arriving a day early for their recent Saturday night clash and naturally had to also stay in Morwell overnight after the game because of the late finish.

Morwell, which is a two hour drive from the Melbourne CBD, will no doubt be a testing, if not expensive venue, for visiting teams.

"It was a waste of \$10,000 for us", Schaefer pointed out after the recent visit.

"With travel and accommodation costs, this trip will be a real burden for most clubs".



MORWELL COACH BOBBY McLACHLAN IN RELAXED MOOD

What's in a name the fans may ask

BY CON STAVROS

Excuse me, but am I the only person that has noticed that the names Melbourne CSC and Sydney CSC are two of the most ridiculous concepts in Australian soccer?

Of course, this is just my opinion and before I get a single complaint, let me stress that it has absolutely nothing to do with any political or ethnic leaning on my part.

It's just that CSC is one of the most exhilarating tags in world soccer.

CSC, if you didn't know, stands for "Croatia Soccer Club". If everyone in the league followed that logic we would be in acronym city.

Imagine, South Melbourne HSC up against Preston MSC whilst Heidelberg United ASC fronted up against the Parramatta "M" Eagles SC.

I won't start on the ethnic names dropping issue - for the record I support it - but



wasn't the whole idea to do away with the ethnicity front being projected to the marketplace?

CSC doesn't do that. If anything, it makes a farce of the situation by presenting a flimsy facade.

Now for this I won't blame the league itself. They made a decision, almost unswervingly stuck to it, although backing down a bit when the pressure got a bit much from Marconi.

For this one I blame the clubs involved.

Obviously amongst the entire boards of the former Melbourne and Sydney Croats there isn't one person forthright enough to say, "Excuse me, but this CSC business is a bit ridiculous".

Not one person. Can you imagine that, not one single person with the vision to realise that the clubs are depriving themselves a marketing profile by adopting a series of consonants.

Probably in those smoky boardrooms where these decisions are made there is

probably a group of people sitting down right now laughing because they think they got away with keeping their name by shortening the letters.

"No-one even noticed", they're probably smirking.

Not true fellows. I have noticed.

City names I know do not lend themselves to sporting titles when that city has more than one representative. That is generally the rule - although Melbourne of the AFL successfully defy it.

So either stick to just plain Melbourne and Sydney or change to a regional locality or whack some real word after your names. I don't care, just lose the CSC.

And get a nickname too.

Dollar wise it makes sense - it helps sell merchandise and gives you a profile in the community. If you don't believe me just look at the "Giants", "Magic", "Wizards" and "Kings" in basketball. Do you think that they would be as widely known in the general populace if they were just plain North Melbourne, South East Melbourne, Perth or Sydney?

West Adelaide (Sharks), Parramatta (Eagles), Wollongong (Wolves), Adelaide (Zebras), Heidelberg (Bergers - my favorite name), Morwell (Falcons) and Newcastle (Breakers) are all on the right track.

Miron speaks

BY CON STAVROS

MIRON Bleiberg, the ever affable Brisbane United coach, has conceded that in reality his team is no better than a mid-table proposition this season.

Speaking after a recent trip to Melbourne, where his charges were defeated 3-1 by Melbourne CSC, Bleiberg dismissed mediocrity in the short-term as a necessary evil for greater things in the future.

"We basically have the same team as last year", he explains. "I unfortunately don't have the resources (financial) to go out and buy anyone I want like a Marconi or Adelaide City does."

"Success for Brisbane will come in the future because we have a natural talent pool now from which to draw players."

"Before, all our good locals would have to head South to play soccer at the top level in Australia; now with a National League team in Brisbane, there is no reason for them to leave."

"In four or five years' time, we will be the most self-sufficient team in the league".

Bleiberg, well aware of the ironies of soccer, is adamant that his team is more mature this season, however he laments

not getting off to as bright a start as United did in their last campaign.

"Frank Pimblett is really my key man", explains Bleiberg, "an early season injury to him has disrupted our start."

"Pimblett is my builder, Steve Cahut my destroyer and Danny Halligan somewhere in the middle: all together they form my machine", Bleiberg details.

"If one of them is missing, (as Pimblett was in Melbourne), it is like a car that is misfiring".

With Bleiberg clearly seeing the future of soccer in the Sunshine State resting on the shoulders of local youth, he is, as always, quick to promote his own genius as a coach.

"We are a small team with a brilliant coach" he says with tongue firmly in cheek.

"You never know, with three points for a win, I may just guide this side into the top six after all".

And Bleiberg, ever the emerging cult figure in Melbourne, had one last quip for the local fans.

"We used to give away all our good players in Queensland, but now with Mr Kennett axing the 17.5% holiday leave loading, maybe all the good Victorians will be coming to play for me in Brisbane", he laughs.

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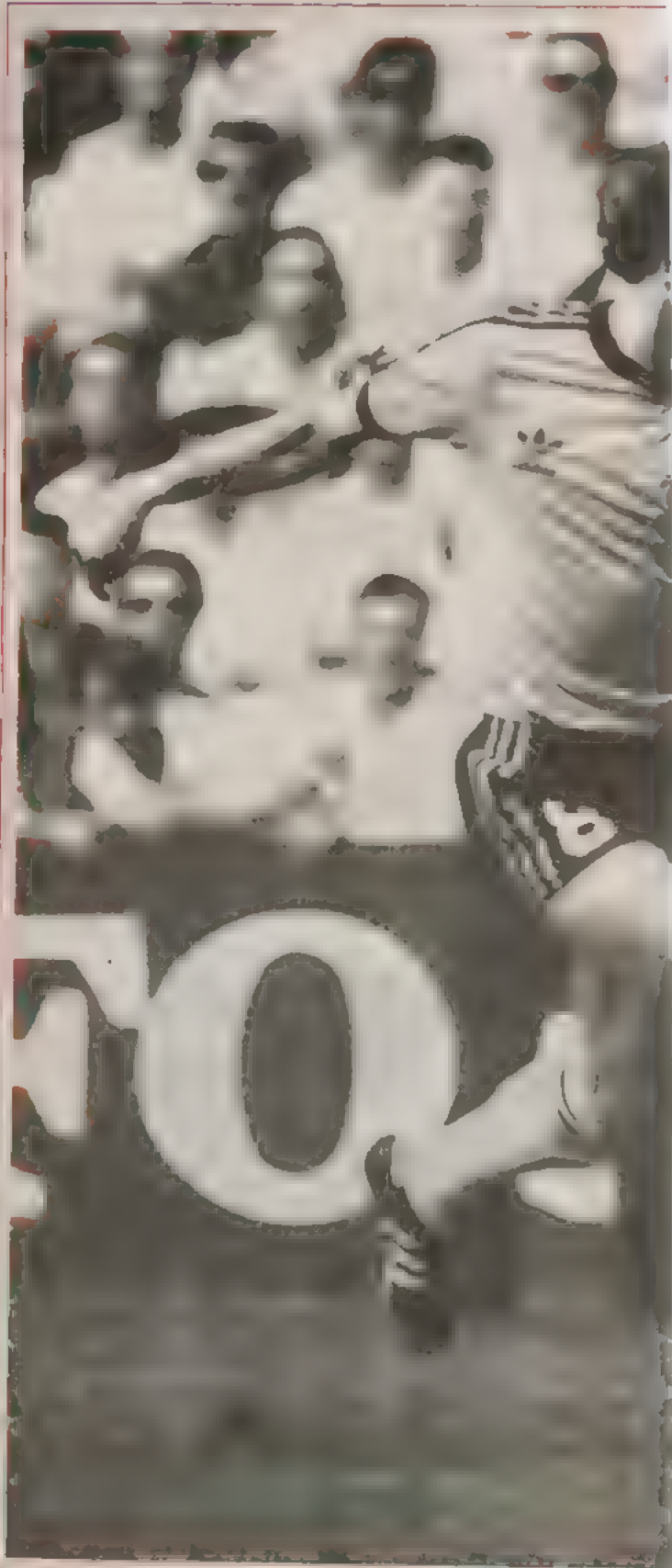
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CANBERRA'S National League aspirations have been put on hold until mid-1994, but indications are no-one in the ACT soccer community is going to lose any sleep over the delay.

Management of Canberra Metro is content to see the team play another couple of seasons in the NSW Superleague. There is a realisation within the Croatia Deakin Club, the Metros' owner that a future application must be broadly supported and that time is needed to bring together a

This view will find favour within the ACT Soccer Federation, firmly on record as supporting a community based



ASF COACH MIKE WELLS AND MARIO ZAGALLO

NSL members will be "excluded", with clubs from established criteria in the Bradley



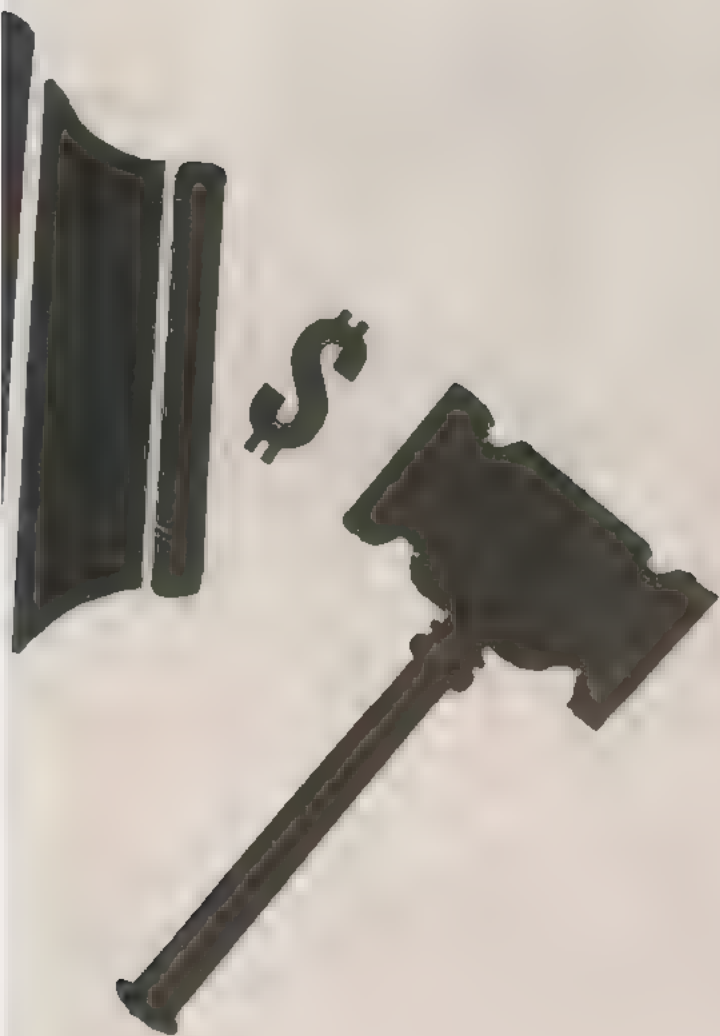
Perth has the problem of air fare costs, with Canberra that is not such an issue.

"It is still remembered in soccer circles that Canberra, along with Newcastle, was once among the leading lights of the competition, representing all that was right with the game.

"Along the way both areas lost the plot, Newcastle climbed back and is building itself up very successfully.

"Canberra must do the same. It must have a club which is supported by the community at large, not by a special sectional

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ACT BRIEFS

CANBERRA players are already getting an outing in the National Youth League through the ACT Academy of Sport.

It's possible at least one more might get signed as an emergency guest for the Australian Institute of Sport.

Head coach Ron Smith was reduced to 13 eligible players for the recent visit to Marconi Fairfield — one of them was a reserve goalkeeper and another was in some doubt through injury.

Marko Rudan and Craig Moore were serving two-match suspensions, Stuart McLaren is a long-term injury absentee. Jason Cheesman had tendonitis and John Angelucci was named on the bench despite having problems with a bruised toe.

"The way the yellow cards are being given out, we could easily have more suspensions before the end of the season," Smith said. "It is getting to the point where I am going to have to tell players not to tackle."

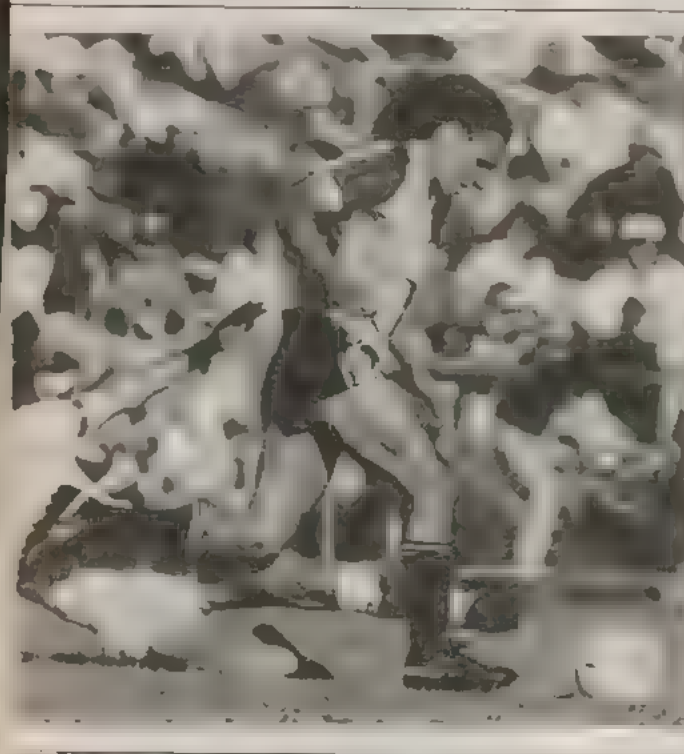
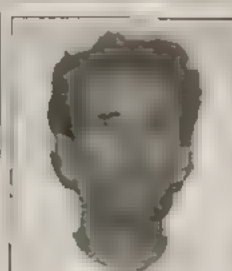
Smith moved to sign Juventus utility man Paul Beltrame as a stand-by. "Paul missed a great deal of the winter season through injury and he came to me asking if there was any way he could help out on the coaching side," Smith said.

"He's been to two or three sessions, and with the situation being as it is I've sounded him out about playing."

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ACT Futsal's train-on squad for the national titles in January is: Brian Watkins (Approved Systems), Lou Gaspari (Black Magic), Ivan Jadric (Canberra Crows), Nunzio Rinaudo (Azzuri), Simon Aitchison, Tony Musumeci, Andrew Wallace (Giralang Concrete), Njegosh Popovich, Arsenije Popovich, Toplica Popovich, Willy Stinton (White Eagles), Tim Dale (Linekers), Jason Lancsar, Terry Tzanthopoulos (European Dreams). Coach: Tony Musumeci. Manager: Nunzio Rinaudo.

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Cranney came out on top of the al round fittest list at Brisbane with speedy striker John Brown the most gifted natural athlete.

Brown has a skinfold measurement of 36mm, the combination of eight readings taken around the body.

The skinfold threshold for the Australian female gymnasts at Barcelona was 42mm.

A qualified strength and conditioning coach, Dalgleish

said he has advised Brisbane coaches Miron Bleiberg and Joe Gilroy of the benefits of weight training.

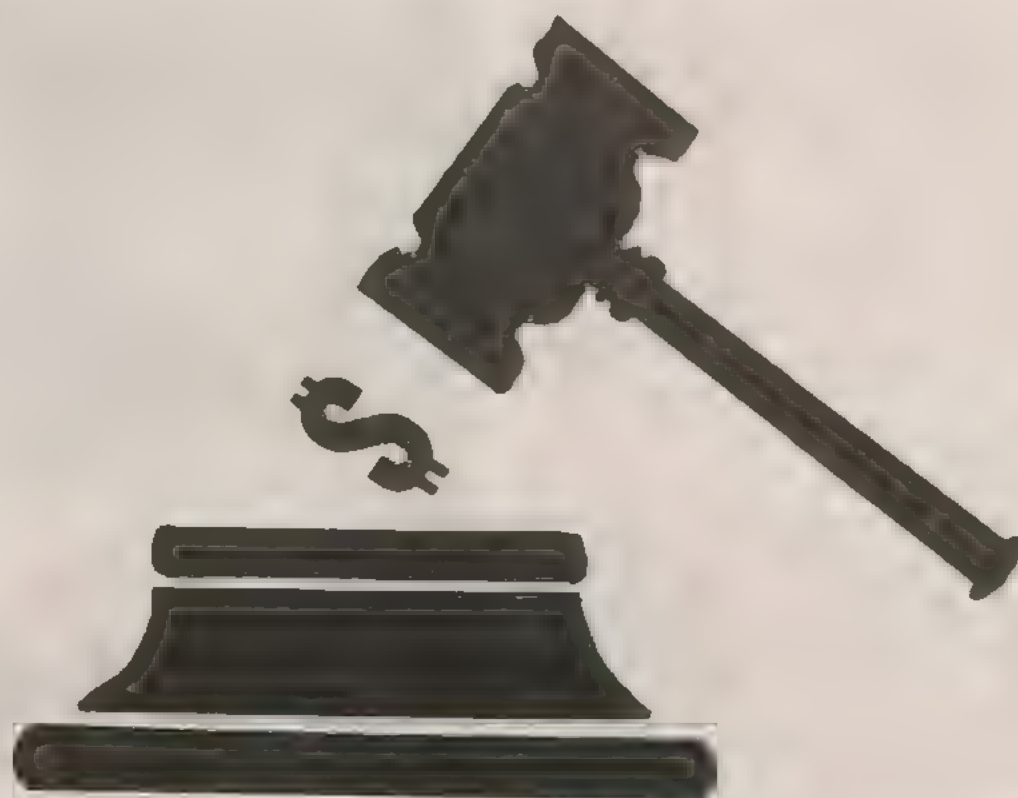
"The thing we could improve on dramatically is strength and vertical leap," he said.

"Mark Greer in particular, and Chris Slater have shown the benefits of hard work in the gym during the winter.

"They don't get knocked off the ball in a tackle and both are regulars in the starting team this year."

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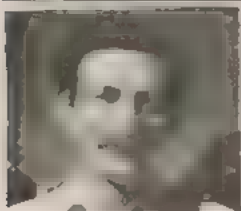
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FIRST DIVISION SEASON REVIEW

BY PAUL GOODWIN

MOUNT DRUITT

STEADY progress since joining the Division three years ago saw the outer Western Sydney side progress to their best position of fourth, under talented player-coach Wayne Farnsworth last season.

The twenty-six-year-old former Melita man set himself some big goals for the team in his second year at the helm.

He aimed to better the semi-final spot in the Waratah Cup achieved the previous year and equalled the feat, bowing out to

eventual winners Avala in a game many felt Mount Druitt should have won.

He set his sights on making the play-offs this year and did so, upsetting many tall poppies along the way.

The six-goal wins over West Wanderers and Mount Pritchard, no sloaches against the best themselves, stood out for Farnsworth.

Other highlights were the 3-2 win at Central Coast and the 3-0 Cup win at home to Super League Adamstown Rosebud.

At home the team lost only once and that was a close call to Auburn, who by virtue of winning twice against this team finished in second place.

The disappointment was the 5-5 draw at Arlington against Dulwich Hill. The team was 3-0 up at half time then found itself 5-4 down before clawing back to snatch a draw. Farnsworth's boys did learn a lot from that early one, though, tightening up the defence and only the 3-1 loss at Granville was seen as equally significant.

Despite serious injuries to Farnsworth and Craig Smith, their top scorers in 1991, the

team managed to finish far and away the biggest scorers in the competition.

They had a very strong midfield to thank for that and a very determined Darren Pratt operating up front with an ever-changing set of striking partners, which did not make his task any easier.

In midfield Scott McArdle and Troy Shipley, who moved across from Blacktown City and settled in quite quickly, made a big impact.

John White was a steadying influence in the centre and Frank Cosentino and Eddie Clune came on very well during the year, Clune maturing late in the season.

At the back Mark Downs was a big improver at left back and sweeper Pat Agius was a marvel in a defence which was always stable. Big Don Campbell had all the necessary experience to give acrobatic goalkeeper Derek Jenkins the confidence to operate very effectively between the posts throughout the season.

Stalwarts Paul Corbett and Dale Eggleton, both over 30 and long serving defender Mark Drysdale, 28,

were stand-outs in every game.

Youngsters Andrew Sharpe, Jason Gribble, Ashley Grant and Daryl Harvey all had many fine matches and will be worthy members of the side again.

Arguably the most talented player was 27-year-old Andrew Ollier, another who could not shake off injury woes. When he played and was close to fitness he could have a huge impact and there were several games where his probing skills were instrumental in securing the points.

Ten of the goals came from the magic boot of Paul Roberts. Brown and the irrepressible Gribble both nabbed eight and Ollier claimed four from his limited appearances.

Skipper Eggleton, strong defenders Drysdale and Chapple and the nippy Sharpe managed two apiece, with Andrew Clarke the remaining goalscorer.

PLAYING RECORD

W	S/D	N/S/D	L	F	A	Pts
12	8	3	5	39	24	51

CENTRAL COAST

THE tightest defence in the league helped Central Coast achieve by far their best placing in the club's history and a spot in the Grand Final for the first time.

The goals tally was not spectacular, but the knack of scoring vital goals in key matches was the secret of the Coasties' success.

Apart from the spectacular 6-1 win at Liverpool early in the piece and the 4-1 win at Lemnos in the final game, most matches were very tight. New keeper Jason Holmes had a lot to do with that as he was brilliant almost all the time and new coach Bruce James's steady rearguard was well marshalled by Mark Currow and Dale Eggleton.

The team lost only twice on its travels, one of those a very close contest against premiers Cyprus at the unexpected Potts Park venue, 3-2 and the other a tough 2-1 loss at Mona Park against second placed Auburn.

Either could have gone the other way, but injuries and back luck played their part in those crucial matches.

Up at Plum Park there were setbacks such as the 2-3 loss to Mount Druitt and Liverpool's avenging 0-1 triumph.

Overall, the Lisarow ground proved a sound base for the locals and the much improved facilities, with powerful lights, were put to good use with friendlies against NSL giants



BRUCE JAMES DURING HIS MARCONI DAYS

Parramatta and Newcastle near the end of the season.

The side completed the double over Poloma, Lemnos and Dulwich Hill and did it with a stream of injuries to its top players.

Dale Eggleton returned after a serious leg injury and when not fully fit hung in there until laid low right near the finish.

Paul Roberts, Paul Corbett and Rod Brown were all struggling to retain their places as niggling knocks took their toll.

Brown did enough to impress Newcastle coach Bruce Stowell to give him another crack at the NSL. Roberts was a big emerging

star striker having joined Coast from The Entrance and at 23 'Robbo' is sure to be prominent for some time.

Bruce James brought in many newcomers to bolster a side which had been a middle of the table team in recent years.

He took Jason Holmes, Mark Currow, Vic Bozanic and Marc Prospero with him when he left North Ryde and all four slotted in neatly.

James even turned out himself in one game and showed all his old sparkie.

Derek Close had a great year at right back and helped complete the steadiest back four in the

league.

Jenkins won the Player of the Year award at the recent presentation night, but his coach pointed out that it was such a team effort this year that singling any one player out was never easy.

Ross Harrison won the Under-19 award and this defender could expect a call up next season. The switch to three teams next year is welcomed by the club which will field Federation Youth League sides for the first time since being formed.

Farnsworth will again be in charge and is it any wonder, with the results he has achieved?

The second grade next year will be taken by this year's reserve coach Nick Cosentino, while the new Under 18s will have former Australian Soccer Weekly editor Brad Ear. directing their fortunes.

The introduction of representative juniors is the club's proudest end of season announcement and this go-ahead outfit deserves its latest success.

The small, but hard-working committee has done well in the past and is sure to receive dividends again in the 1993 season.

PLAYING RECORD

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Uruguayans on strike

THE Uruguayan soccer players have been on strike since the 9th of October as a protest against the verdict delivered by the Uruguayan Football Association.

The verdict in question is the one month suspension of the Second Division teams Basanez, the current leader, and Villa Teresa, running last in the same division.

The sanction was reached by total consensus after followers of both teams created an incident that resulted in the death of one person and four others injured by bullets.

The first consequence of the dispute has been suffered by Nacional of Montevideo, leader of the Uruguayan first division league, by being eliminated from the South American Super Cup championship after refusing to play

against Racing of Argentina in a second round match because of its support of the strike.

The Uruguayan Football Association officials are convinced that the strike is being financed by "foreign sources".

By means of an "anonymous" collaborator the soccer players have received 300,000 American dollars in order to solve the most urgent financial problems caused by the conflict. The president of the Uruguayan Football Association, Hugo Batalla, declared that "Uruguayan football is going through difficult times due to the administration structure on one side and the power of money on the other."

Batalla said that representatives of the soccer players have informed him of their trip to Buenos Aires to collect the 300,000 dollars and

that the money will be used to assist the footballers without income as result of the conflict.

Fernando Silva, representing the Players' Union, said that the money is supplied by professional soccer players from neighbouring countries that support the strike.

But Batalla believes, as many others including most of the sport journalists in Uruguay, that the players' strike has been greatly supported by the persuasive power of Francisco "Paco" Casal.

"Paco" Casal is a wealthy entrepreneur who has negotiated million dollar deals on behalf of some of the best Uruguayan professional players by transferring them internationally.

Casal is the agent-manager of, among others, Enzo Francescoli, Ruben Sosa,

Daniel Fonseca, Carlos Aguilera, Jose Herrera, Paolo Montero and Marcelo Tejera, and who has also played a "particular" role in the confrontation between the Italian based players and the Uruguayan national coach Luis Cubilla.

Francescoli, Sosa, Fonseca, Aguilera and Herrera refused several times to play for Uruguay as long as Cubilla is the coach of the national team.

It is known that there is the animosity between Casal and Cubilla, and such animosity has jeopardised the future of the Uruguayan squad and the whole structure of the country's most important sport.

Behind the strike there is something more powerful, more dangerous: the fight for the power to rule the code. Who will be the winner?

Time will tell...

'VIETNAM' STADIUM

IT is not without a reason that the cheapest seating section of San Salvador's Cuzcatlan Stadium is called "Vietnam".

Its nervous fans have named it into a free fire zone throwing around dead cats, iguanas and unmentionable substances.

The Bermudians came to El Salvador for a 1994 World Cup soccer qualifying match and found "Vietnam". They also lost 4-1 to the Salvadorean squad.

The victory kept El Salvador's hopes alive in the ongoing round.

Bermuda had beaten El Salvador previously on their home ground, but they should have avoided "Vietnam".

For visitors, it was a tough game in a rough town with an aggressive crowd.

During the match, shouts of "hoo hoo hoo hoo" the chant of a student group, floated over the crowd whose sympathies were less known and doubtless mixed.

People waved flags and cheered and it didn't seem to matter so much that Salvadoreans had spent the last twelve years at war killing more than 75,000 of their compatriots.

El Salvador is at peace now and the match at Cuzcatlan Stadium appeared to bring people together even more.

It costs 20 colones, around \$A3.61, to get in for a money in a stadium where that approaches the daily minimum wage for a labourer. They got the most for their money.

Dead cats and iguanas were hung by the fans into the crowd and onto the field. At least one was cooked dead.

Firecrackers the size of a man's arm were tossed from the top of the stands. Some rode it to the field, others fell short as did large strings of firecrackers hurled at random into the crowd.

In "Vietnam" it pays to take the high ground. It also helps to come prepared. The seats are exposed to the brutal sun.

Regular sav knifings are not uncommon and shooting happens every so often. The police stay clear of "Vietnam" and foreigners go at their own risk.

When Bermuda took the field, the players were greeted by thousands of fans chanting an obscene Spanish epithet.

Fans tossed fist-sized chunks of ice and beer cans, some empty, some not.

One fan who had appointed himself caretaker for a group of foreigners crushed empty beer cans to the size of a biscuit and happily hung them into the air over the crowd.

"It was pretty calm today," he said. "You should be here sometime when we lose."

Sydney Soccer World Cup

Greece in Semis



CHILE

BY MARIO ETCHART

GREECE continued its dream run towards the Sydney World Cup with a 5-0 demolition of England in the only First Division match played last weekend.

Greece turned in a solid display and completely outclassed a disappointing English side.

They controlled the proceedings from the start

with veteran defender Jim Ziras in top form.

Man of the Match: Karavatakis (Greece).

MEXICO'S ABSENCE

Assyria were awarded the two points when Mexico failed to show.

The Mexicans were practically eliminated from the tournament before the

scheduled match but it showed them in bad light when they failed to turn up.

Their terrible attitude could bar them from future tournaments.

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES

On Saturday, the first semi-final between Greece and Peru

promises to be a thriller.

Both teams have improved out of sight and have similar styles.

On Sunday, defending champion Assyria entertains the young and enthusiastic Lebanon outfit.

The experience and class of the 'Assyrian Express' should make the difference in this one.

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Black is Beautiful!

FEW players find their new fans turning on them before they have kicked a ball. Aaron Winter has but he's not letting racist thugs spoil his dream move to Italy.

Talented Dutch midfielder Winter's arrival at Lazio was greeted by an outpouring of racist graffiti around Rome.

Some people would have headed back to the tolerance of Holland, but not Winter.

He is determined his \$6.5m move from Ajax succeeds — and no amount of hate is going to stand in his way.

To borrow a catchphrase from the hit film *The Commitments* 'I'm Black and I'm Proud.'

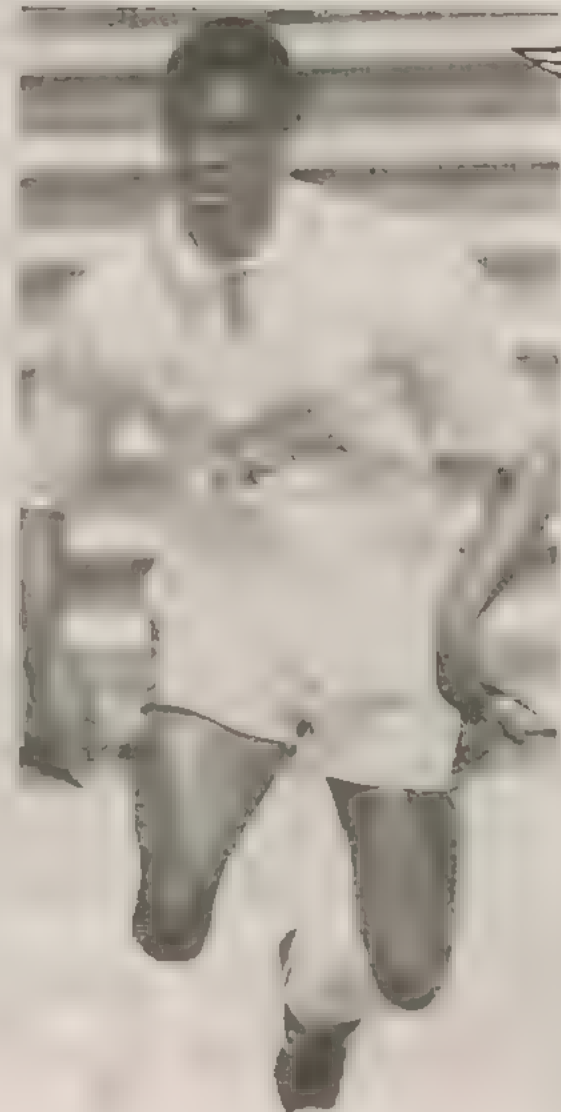
A salary of around \$1.8m certainly helps to soothe whatever may trouble him off the park, but Winter is desperate to change any misguided Roman mind in the best possible way.

"I heard all about the incidents," he says.

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"But remarks about my colour don't bother me. The only way to make such people quiet is to play very well, and then the voice of the decent majority will be heard."

The Ultra Thugs in Lazio even dished out a double helping of hate to Winter, declaring that he is Jewish.



AARON WINTER

The misinformation came from the fact that Ajax still have the label of 'Jewish club' hung around them,

when they clearly have not been such a club for many years.

Winter, whose parents are from Surinam, is not the first player to meet this right-wing lunacy from Italian fans.

Ronny Rosenthal's proposed move from Liege to Genoa a few seasons ago was met with similar anti-semitic rantings on that city's walls.

Winter's Dutch teammates Ruud Gullit — who called the abuse of the new Lazio player "monstrous and uncivilised" — and Frank Rijkaard have educated Italians about the futility of racism.

Over the past few years with Milan they have shown that in terms of football aesthetics, black is beautiful.

Winter is ready to show that he is a worthy successor to his countrymen.

"It has always been a dream for me to play in Italy," he says.

"They have the strongest League in Europe. The people are crazy about football. The interest is so great and the standards so high who would not want to play here?"

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Lazio moved in for Winter just before the start of the European Championship in Sweden and did not take long to agree to the four-year deal.

"I know the Italian people always expect a lot of newcomers, right away," he says.

"It will take me a couple of years to reach the Gullit-Rijkaard level and it will take a little time to change from living in one country to another. It's not just the language, it's the everyday life which is different.

"But I'm a good football player and I'm going to try everything to bring something a little bit different to the team."

Winter had the best soccer education possible in Europe — the Ajax academy. He was spotted at 13 playing for a youth team in Lelystad, a suburb of Amsterdam, and has gone on to follow other old boys such as Cruyff, Neeskens, Van Basten, Rijkaard and Gullit.

Winter, 26, made the club a huge profit by moving to Lazio. His talent was obvious and was never going to be held back.

He made his debut for Ajax at 17, and once he had broken through, he never dropped out.

He earned a place in the Dutch World Cup squad at Italia '90 and last season he was instrumental in helping Ajax to an exciting success in the UEFA Cup, but he knew the time was coming when he too would leave for bigger things.

Now as he and that other costly import, Paul Gascoigne, settle down to a new life, Winter spares a thought for those he left behind. Ajax, he says, will be great again and he's certain they will churn out more talented youngsters.

"Ajax have always been great for rearing young players," he said.

"Every year some leave the club but every year they are replaced.

"I'm certain that Ajax will remain a top club in Europe.

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TOP — Diego Maradona in his Sevilla strip. Napoli are still haggling over his transfer fee. BELOW — Cameroun players rejoice after a 1990 World Cup goal. They started their quest for USA '94 with a defeat!



FRANK RIJKAARD

Rui Barros

MIGHTY MIDGET!

PORTUGAL have not reached the final stages of a major international tournament since the Mexico World Cup in 1986, but Scotland, Italy and Switzerland would be foolish to underestimate them in the qualifying games for 1994.

That's the view of midfielder Rui Barros, who says: "Our manager, Carlos Queiroz, is building a promising new side with a good blend of experience and youth."

"In addition to the older generation of Paulo Futre, Vitor Paneira and myself, we have some great youngsters — Fernando Couto and Paulo Madeira, for example."

"I made my full debut for Portugal in 1987 and so far I have missed two European Championship finals and Italia '90. It's been frustrating, but I'm determined to make up for lost time. We'll be in America in '94."

Barros has gained little satisfaction from national team duty, but has gathered an extensive collection of club honours.

In the 1987-88 season he starred as Porto captured the European Super Cup, World Club Cup and domestic League and Cup double.

During a spell in Italy (1988-90), he was a regular for Juventus, who won the UEFA Cup and the Italian Cup.

Another prize came his way when he signed for Monaco in 1990.

The Monegasques upset Marseille 1-0 in the 1991 French Cup final, and Barros duly received his seventh winner's medal in four seasons.

Last year, Barros appeared set to add to his stock. Monaco were in the French Cup final and the European Cup-Winners' Cup final, and were only one point behind League leaders Marseille.

But Marseille effectively clinched the championship by winning 3-0 in Monte Carlo.

Then the Bastia stadium tragedy led to the abandonment of the 1992 French Cup, and to complete a season of anticlimax, Monaco's dreams of European glory were shattered when Werder Bremen overcame them in Lisbon to take the Cup-Winners' Cup.

"The defeat by Bremen was the first Cup final I had lost in my career," says Barros.

"It should have been a wonderful occasion for me. Many of my family were at the game and a lot of Portuguese fans had gone to support me."

"I had only just recovered from a tibia injury and did not play particularly well. We were the better side, but Werder took full advantage of our mistakes."

At a little over five feet tall, Barros is the smallest player in the French First Division.



RUI BARROS

But his talent has made a big impression on Monaco coach Arsene Wenger who calls him his "Mighty Midget".

"Rui Barros has so many qualities," says Wenger.

"He is very quick, skilful and consistently surprises opposing defences with his runs from deep. He buzzes all over the pitch and is one of the most enthusiastic professionals I've ever worked with."

"My only reservation concerns his finishing. In two seasons at Monaco he has scored 13 League goals, but that should be much higher. He tends to lose his composure in front of goal, and must improve this aspect of his game."

Economic times were hard and at the age of 12 Barros was forced to leave school and earn a living alongside his father in a furniture workshop.

He had abandoned his studies, but had no intention of giving up his passion for football.

He repeatedly shone with the Allados club in Lordelo, and in 1981 he was recruited by Second Division Pacos Ferreira.

A year later, Barros moved one step closer to stardom when Porto signed him — although he admits that he does not have pleasant memories of his early days there.

"The junior team coach, Antonio Feliciano, preferred tall and powerful youngsters and was angry that he had not been consulted about my arrival."

"He told me that I would never make the grade, and often made fun of my build."

"I did not consider my lack of height as a handicap, and when Feliciano claimed I was too small to be a

professional, I became even more determined to prove him wrong."

Barros worked tirelessly in training and established himself in the Porto youth team, who won the national championships in 1984.

Unfortunately, there was no room for him in Porto's senior squad and he spent two years on loan to Second Division Covilha.

He then had a productive spell at Varzim, and in March 1987 he made his international debut in a 2-2 draw with Malta in Madeira.

Not surprisingly, Porto recalled Barros and he was the revelation of the 1987-88 season, contributing 14 goals to Porto's League title and playing a prominent part in the victories in the Portuguese Cup, World Club Cup and European Super Cup.

In the summer of 1988 Juventus were sufficiently impressed to pay \$8 million for him.

Cynics declared that Juventus had made a panic buy after failing to sign Soviets Alexei Mikhailichenko and Oleg Protasov, but Barros disarmed the critics with 12 League goals in his first Italian season.

Shortly after helping "Juve" lift the 1990 UEFA and Italian Cups, Barros was sold to Monaco, but he says: "Even if a foreigner leaves Italian football, it does not mean that his career is over."

"Monaco are a marvellous club and I feel that I have developed into a better player during the past two years with them."

"French soccer has been very good to me."

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PARAGUAY PILLAGED

AS usually happens, no sooner had Paraguay's moderately successful Olympic team returned from Barcelona than most of the squad moved abroad — seven to Argentina.

Defender Carlos Gamarra went to Independiente, defender Andres Duarte and midfielder Hector Sosa to San Lorenzo, Gustavo Neffa to Boca Juniors, and Arsenio Benitez, Julio Yegros and Guido Alvarenga to Mandiyu.

Hugo Sosa joined Colombia's America, and goalkeeper Ruben Ruiz Diaz and striker Francisco Ferreira went to Mexico — Monterrey and Queretaro respectively.

BOLI BAN

MARSEILLE hard man Basile Boli has been banned for three matches for elbowing Monaco's German striker Jurgen Klinsmann in the face.

Boli, born in the Ivory Coast but a defender in the French national team, clashed with Klinsmann during a league match on October 3.

THON'S A SWEEPER NOW

BAYERN MUNICH star Olaf Thon is building a new career — as a sweeper.



OLAF THON

Thon, one of the smallest players in German soccer, hardly appears ideally built for the job but Bayern use him at the back for his intelligence and skill, not his physical strength.

Already fans are rating him as the best footballing sweeper at Bayern since Franz Beckenbauer starred in the seventies.

Thon, who has battled back twice from serious knee injuries, says: "I know it's

unusual for someone as small as me to play sweeper but it's gone well so far."

With so many rivals for his place, Thon has been kept constantly on his toes.

"Berthold, Wouters, Reinhardt and Thomas Helmer have all played sweeper recently so I know only one bad game could cost me my place."

"It's pressure like that which keeps me at my peak," he says.



Action from the United States League final between the Colorado Foxes and the Tampa Bay Rowdies, the team former Soccerad Adrian Alston played for in the late 1970s. The Foxes won 1-0.



JOAO PINTO — the star of Portugal's 1991 Youth World Champions, now with Benfica, is tipped to become another Rui Barros in the near future.

Russian clubs shine in Europe

CYPRUS
CHANGES

RUSSIAN clubs stole the limelight in Europe last week with CSKA Moscow eliminating holders Barcelona in the Champions' Cup and Spartak Moscow also winning away to knock Liverpool out of the Cup-winners' Cup.

But for England, the second leg of the second rounds in Europe was a disaster, with all three English entrants eliminated.

Barcelona were beaten 3-2 at home by CSKA Moscow to go out 4-3 on aggregate.

The Spanish champions had looked home and dry when going 2-0 up after 31 minutes but the Russians refused to give up and produced three goals in 16 minutes to steal the tie.

It was a sad end to Barcelona's 50th match in the Champions' Cup, but the Spaniards' lack of concentration let CSKA back into the game they seemed to have lost.

Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff, visibly upset, refused to make any comment on the match except to say that CSKA's first goal just before halftime had been the turning point.

Barcelona was cruising after goals in the 12th and 31st minutes from Miguel Nadal and Artor Beguristain but CSKA defender Yevgeny Busmanov burst on to a through pass in the 44th to shoot over advancing goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

Marseille probably saved their season and stopped president Bernard Tapie from resigning when they reached semi-final round-robin stage of the Champions' Cup with a 2-0 win over Dinamo Bucharest, courtesy of two goals from Croatian Alen Boksic.

Brazilian Romario netted a hat-trick to eliminate AEK of Greece.

PSV will be one of the teams to beat this year, but AC Milan are looming more than ever as the favourites in the Champions' Cup.

They were untroubled to trounce Slovan Bratislava 4-0 with a weakened team in which foreigners Zvonimir Boban, Frank Rijkaard and Jean-Pierre Papin scored three of the goals.

Porto also served notice they would be a force by whitewashing Sion of Portugal while Club Brugge squeezed on thanks to the away goals rule.

Sweden's IFK Goteborg thrashed Lech Poznan of Poland to ensure they make a healthy profit this season as they are assured of at least six more games in the new Champions' Cup format.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup, surprises were the order of the day with last season's finalists Werder Bremen and Monaco eliminated and Liverpool downed at home by Spartak Moscow.

Feyenoord, of Holland, and Parma, of Italy, who won in Portugal, are the joint favourites of that competition, which includes

amongst its quarter-finalists several unfancied clubs.

The field in the UEFA Cup, however, is red hot and the eventual winner impossible to forecast.

Real Madrid, Juventus, Paris St Germain, Anderlecht and Ajax are all looking good.

Last week's results in the three European Cups:

CHAMPIONS' CUP

■ Lech Poznan (Poland) 0 IFK Goteborg (Sweden) 3.

Goteborg win 4-0 on aggregate.

■ Marseille (France) 2 Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 0.

Marseille win 2-0 on aggregate.

■ Austria Vienna (Austria) 3 Club Brugge (Belgium) 1.

Aggregate score 3-3, Brugge win on away goals rule.

■ PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands) 3 AEK Athens (Greece) 0.

PSV win 3-1 on aggregate.

■ AC Milan (Italy) 4 Slovan Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) 0.

AC Milan win 5-0 on aggregate.

■ Barcelona (Spain) 2 CSKA Moscow (Russia) 3.

CSKA Moscow win 4-3 on aggregate.

■ Leeds (England) 1 Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2.

Glasgow Rangers win 4-2 on aggregate.

■ Porto (Portugal) 4 Sion (Switzerland) 0.

Porto win 6-2 on aggregate.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP

■ Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 2 Aarhus (Denmark) 1.

Aggregate score 4-4. Steaua Bucharest win on away goals rule.

■ Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) 1 Werder Bremen (Germany) 0.

Sparta win 4-2 on the aggregate.

■ Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece) 0 Monaco (France) 0.

Olympiakos win 1-0 on aggregate.

■ Boavista (Portugal) 0 Parma (Italy) 2.

Parma win 2-0 on aggregate.

■ Atletico Madrid (Spain) 0 Trabzonspor (Turkey) 0.

Atletico Madrid win 2-0 on aggregate.

■ Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) 4 Lucerne (Switzerland) 1.

Feyenoord win 4-2 on aggregate.

■ Liverpool (England) 0 Spartak Moscow (Russia) 2.

Spartak Moscow win 6-2 on aggregate.

■ Antwerp (Belgium) 3 Admira Wacker (Austria)



AC Milan's Simeone takes off against Olimpija Ljubljana in an earlier Champions' Cup round.

4 (after extra time, 90 minutes 2-4) Antwerp win 7-6 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP

■ Galatasaray (Turkey) 1 Eintracht Frankfurt

(Germany) 0.

Galatasaray win 1-0 on aggregate.

■ Sigma Olomouc (Czechoslovakia) 7 Fenerbahce (Turkey) 1 (3-1).

Sigma win 7-2 on aggregate.

■ Torpedo Moscow (Russia) 3 Real Madrid (Spain) 2.

Real Madrid win 7-5 on aggregate.

■ Vac Izso (Hungary) 0 Benfica (Portugal) 1.

Benfica win 6-1 on aggregate.

■ FC Copenhagen (Denmark) 0 Auxerre (France) 2.

Auxerre win 7-0 on aggregate.

■ Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 0 Anderlecht (Belgium) 3.

Anderlecht win 7-2 on aggregate.

■ Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) 4 AS Roma (Italy) 3.

Roma win 6-4 on aggregate.

■ Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 2 Vitoria Guimaraes (Portugal) 1.

Ajax win 5-1 on aggregate.

■ Juventus (Italy) 0 Panathinaikos (Greece) 0.

Juventus win 1-0 on aggregate.

■ Sheffield Wednesday (England) 2.

Kaiserslautern (Germany) 2.

Kaiserslautern win 5-3 on aggregate.

■ Standard Liege (Belgium) 1 Hearts (Scotland) 0.

Standard Liege win 2-0 on aggregate.

■ Paris St Germain (France) 0 Napoli (Italy) 0.

Paris St Germain win 2-0 on aggregate.

■ Real Zaragoza (Spain) 5 Frem (Denmark) 1.

Zaragoza win 6-1 on aggregate.

■ Mechelen (Belgium) 0 Vitesse (Holland) 0.

Vitesse win 2-0 on aggregate.

■ Celtic (Scotland) 1 Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 2.

Borussia won 3-1 on aggregate.



The Rose Bowl, in Pasadena, a suburb of Los Angeles, where the World Cup final will be staged on July 17, 1994. More than 101,000 spectators watched the 1984 Olympic final between France and Brazil there.

THE Cyprus Football Association has taken several important decisions with regard to the future organisation of its league championships.

As from next season, there will be 14 teams in the Fourth Division, compared with the current number of 42.

The teams not participating in the Fourth Division championship will compete in local championships organised by the national association.

From the 1994-95 season, the First and Second Divisions will involve a three-round system, and each division will comprise 10 clubs.

The Cyprus FA has taken these decisions in an attempt to promote the standard of football, and to attract more spectators to a more competitive championship set-up.



LATEST OVERSEAS RESULTS



EUROPEAN ROUND-UP

SOCCER star Marco van Basten celebrated last week's two-year extension to his contract with AC Milan by scoring four goals in the league leaders 5-1 thrashing of Napoli.

The Dutch international struck twice in each half with midfielder Stefano Eranio getting the champions' other goal.

Gianfranco Zola struck a late consolation goal for Napoli but it wasn't enough to stop the southern club slipping into the relegation zone, fourth from bottom.

The win left Fabio Capello's side two points ahead of second-placed Torino, who came from behind to beat Lazio 2-1 in Rome, with a game in hand.

Torino, who went out of the UEFA Cup to Dinamo Moscow in mid-week, fell behind to a Giuseppe Signori goal just after half time but an equaliser from Uruguayan striker Carlos Aguilera and a second from Andrea Silenzi 12 minutes from time clinched the points to keep them in the championship race.

In a the match of the day, Sampdoria of Genoa, the 1990 champions, drew 0-0 with Inter Milan in the San Siro Stadium.

Inter are now joint third with Juventus, who beat Udinese 5-1 with Italian international Roberto Baggio scoring a first-half hat-trick and then adding a fourth five minutes from time.

In another free-scoring day in the Italian League, Ancona's Massimo Agostini also got a hat-trick as the third-from bottom side beat mid-table Brescia 5-1.

AC Milan's group rivals in the semi-final stage of the European Cup, PSV Eindhoven were also among the goals as they beat bottom-of-the-table Fortuna Sittard 5-0. Dutch international Wim Kieft scored a hat-trick.

The Dutch champions are now four points clear at the top, although Feyenoord in second have a game in hand. The Rotterdam side won 1-0 away to newly-promoted Cambuur Leeuwarden.

French league leaders Nantes dropped their third point in two games in a 1-1 draw with Sochaux last week but stayed at the top when Paris St Germain also dropped a point at Le Havre.

Liberian forward George Weah's ninth league goal, from the penalty spot, earned the Parisians a 1-1 draw after they had fallen behind to a 30-yard free-kick from Le Havre's Georgian midfielder Guja Guruli.

French Under-21 international Reynald Pedros' dribbling skills allowed Chad striker Japhet Ndomam to score his sixth goal of the season for Nantes, who lost 1-0 away to St Etienne last week, but Alain Caveglia equalised for Sochaux.

Auxerre, whose next league match is away to Paris St Germain, closed the gap to two points on Nantes by beating Metz 4-0 with Christophe Cocard behind the first two goals.

Champions Olympique Marseille slipped from fourth to



Parma's Zoratto does battle with Milan's Frank Rijkaard.

STANDINGS

AC Milan	13
Torino	13
Juventus	12
Inter	12
Florentina	11
Sampdoria	11
Cagliari	10
Lazio	9
Brescia	9
Atalanta	9
Parma	8
Genoa	8
Udinese	7
Roma	6
Napoli	6
Ancona	6
Foggia	5
Pescara	3

LEADING SCORERS

12 Marco Van Basten (Milan)
10 Giuseppe Signori (Lazio)
7 Gabriel Batistuta (Florentina), Daniel Fonseca (Napoli), Roberto Baggio (Juventus), Abel Balbo (Udinese)
6 Lajos Detari (Ancona)
6 Maurizio Ganz (Atalanta), Francesco Balano (Florentina), Andy Moeller (Juventus), Carlos Aguilera (Torino).

NAZI BANNER

FLIES AT FIORENTINA-ROMA MATCH

ROMA fans waved a Nazi banner during their team's major league soccer match against Fiorentina on Sunday.

The Roma fans waved a banner that had the Italian flag on one side and the Nazi swastika symbol on the other.

Florentina fans yelled out at the Roma supporters, "you are like Jews," the agency reported.

Witnesses said some Roma fans thrust out their arms in the Italian fascist salute and held up banners of the youth organisation of the Italian Social Movement, a small neo-fascist party.

Italy in recent days has witnessed a rash of anti-semitic vandalism.

A "skinhead" group based in Rome has drawn many of its supporters from Roma fan clubs.

ENGLAND

ENGLISH

PREMIER LEAGUE

Sheffield Utd 1 Sheffield W. 1

ENGLISH

DIVISION ONE

Newcastle 0 Swindon 0

ENGLAND soccer striker David Hirst salvaged some pride for Wednesday in the Sheffield derby at Bramall Lane on Sunday.

Wednesday, beaten twice by Dave Bassett's United last season, were heading for a hat-trick of disasters until Hirst struck six minutes from time.

Adrian Littlejohn had given United a 61st minute lead to make up for two earlier misses from co-striker Brian Deane as the homeside took a grip on the game.

But Hirst provided the perfect answer, running on to a Chris Waddle through-ball to lash the ball into the roof of the net.

Mark Bright had a chance to win the match for Wednesday but sidefooted wide from 10 yards.

SCOTLAND

INJURED Scotland captain Richard Gough looks certain to miss his country's World Cup soccer group one qualifier at home to Italy on November 18.

Gough, who was suspended for last month's game against Portugal, would have been named in the squad to be announced in Glasgow on Monday but the 30-year-old defender suffered a recurrence of a groin injury yesterday.

Doctors said Gough could be out for three weeks, making him doubtful for Glasgow Rangers European cup match at home to French champions Marseille on November 25.

"It is extremely doubtful that Richard will be named in the squad," said Scotland manager Andy Roxburgh after talking to the Rangers' captain, winner of 60 caps.

"Richard is hopeful that he won't be out for too long but if he missed this game it is a big boost from an Italian point of view."

ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

JAPAN beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 in Tokyo in the Asian soccer championship final, dashing the visitors' hopes of a third consecutive title.

Forward Takuya Takagi scored the winner with a fine left footed shot in the 37th minute after calmly trapping a cross on the edge of the penalty area.

Reserve goalkeeper Kazuya Maekawa, standing in for Shigetatsu Matsunaga who was expelled from the tournament after kicking an opponent during Thursday's semi-final

with China, had a busy game as the Saudis pressed forward.

Saudi Arabia's Youssef Al Thunyan crashed a shot over the bar from a direct free kick just before halftime.

Dutchman Hans Ooft, Japan's manager, said the victory was an important step towards the 1994 World Cup.

Japan, who hope to host the World Cup in 2002, have never qualified for the finals of the tournament.

"they've made a lot of progress," said Ooft, who took over as national manager seven months ago.

China beat the United Arab Emirates (UAE) 4-3 on a penalty shoot-out in the third place playoff.

The score was 1-1 after regulation time with goals from UAE's Khalid Mubarak and China's Hao Haidong in the first half.

Chinese goalkeeper Fu Yubin, who saved two penalties clinched the victory by taking his team's last spot-kick himself and hitting it past UAE keeper Saeed Juma.

SPAIN

Sevilla	3	R Valleciano	2
Osasuna	2	R Oviedo	1
R Sociedad	3	Cadiz	0
R Madrid	3	Espanol	1
R Burgos	2	Logrones	2
S Gijon	1	Valencia	0
Abacete	1	Dep Coruna	1
Barcelona	2	Ath Bilbao	1

REP. OF IRELAND

Bray Wand.	1	Drogheda	1
Dundalk	3	Cork City	1
Limerick	2	St Patrick's	0
Shamrock R.	4	Waterford	0
Sligo Rovers	1	Bohemians	1

STANDINGS

Bohemians	19
Cork City	17
Derry	15
Dundalk	15
Shelbourne	13

BELGIUM

Boom	2	C Brugge	3
Lommel	1	Mechelen	3
Molenbeek	1	Lokeren	1
Ekeren	2	Genk	2
St Liege	1	Waregem	3
Ghent	3	Antwerp	1
Lierse	0	Anderlecht	2
Charleroi	2	FC Liege	1

STANDINGS

Anderlecht	21
St Liege	19
C Brugge	16
Charleroi	15
Mechelen	14
Waregem	14
Ghent	14
Beveren	14

HOLLAND

P Eindhoven	5	Fort Sittard	0
GA Deventer	2	Dordrecht	1
FC D Bosch	0	Vit Arnhem	0
R Kerkrade	4	Groningen	2
Leeuwarden	0	Rotterdam	1
Amsterdam	2	Maastricht	2
FC Volendam	1	FC Twente	1
Sp Rotterdam	1	FC Utrecht	3
RKC Waalwijk	0	W. Tilburg	0

NEWS FROM THE UK



LES FERDINAND OF QPR IN ACTION

Ferninand set for Turkey shoot

LES Ferdinand is the big surprise in England's soccer squad for the World Cup qualifier with Turkey at Wembley on Wednesday week.

The Queen's Park Rangers forward is called into the senior party for the first time after one previous summons as a stand-by player.

The 26-year-old's ability to run with the ball and poach spectacular goals has been one of the major factors behind QPR's impressive start to the season.

Ferdinand's inclusion for Glasgow Rangers' injured midfielder Trevor Steven is the only change from the squad originally selected by manager Graham Taylor for the Wembley clash with

Norway last month.

Steven is one of several players who miss out because of lack of match practice following injuries.

Taylor said: "Trevor hasn't played many games and neither have Rob Jones, of Liverpool, Everton's Martin Keown and David Hirst, of Sheffield Wednesday. They all need more games."

Leeds midfielder David Batty is included although he missed the European Cup defeat by Glasgow Rangers through injury.

Taylor explained: "I haven't tried to contact the Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson today for obvious reasons, but with the international a fortnight away I think Batty will be available."

There is no prospect of Taylor closing the door on his World Cup party although he has limited changes this time.

He said: "It was always my intention to spend a couple of years looking at everyone with international potential, qualify for Sweden and then settle the squad down for the World Cup."

"That's where we are at the moment. But it does not mean others cannot come in in future."

Taylor added: "The atmosphere among the squad for the Norway match was very good."

"What we have to do this time is to maintain that atmosphere, produce another good performance against Turkey and this time get the result we deserved against

Norway. The result was the only thing missing."

Taylor's squad will gather in Shropshire for training and fitness tests at the Lilleshall national sports centre on November 13 before moving south to continue their build-up at Bisham Abbey and Wembley.

SQUAD: Chris Woods, David Seaman, Lee Dixon, Dave Bardsley, Stuart Pearce, Tony Dorigo, Des Walker, Tony Adams, Richard Jobson, Gary Pallister, David Platt, Dave Batty, Carlton Palmer, Paul Ince, Paul Gascoigne, Paul Merson, Andy Sinton, John Salako, Alan Shearer, Nigel Clough, Ian Wright, Les Ferdinand.

ALL THE RESULTS FROM BRITAIN

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal	3	Coventry	0
Aston Villa	1	Manchester U	0
Blackburn	0	Tottenham	2
Chelsea	3	Crystal Palace	1
Ipswich	0	Southampton	0
Liverpool	4	Middlesbrough	1
Manchester C.	4	Leeds	0
Notts Forest	0	Everton	1
Wimbledon	0	QPR	2

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

Barnsley	0	Watford	1
Brentford	2	Charlton	0
Bristol C.	3	Birmingham	0
Derby	1	Millwall	2
Leicester	0	Tranmere	1
Luton	1	Grimsby	4
Peterborough	5	Sunderland	2
Southend	0	Oxford	3
West Ham	2	Notts County	0
Wolverhampton	5	Bristol Rovers	1

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

Bolton	1	Port Vale	1
Bradford	3	Fulham	2
Brighton	2	Stockport	0
Chester	3	Swansea	2
Hartlepool	1	Exeter	3
Huddersfield	2	Mansfield	1
Hull	0	Burnley	2
Leyton Orient	2	West Brom	0
Plymouth	2	Rotherham	1
Preston	2	Wigan	0
Reading	0	Blackpool	0
Stoke	2	Bournemouth	0

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

Cardiff	3	Colchester	1
Carlisle	1	Gillingham	0
Darlington	0	Bury	0
Hatfield	0	Torquay	2
Hereford	1	Chesterfield	3
Lincoln	0	Wrexham	0
Rochdale	0	Crawley	1
Scunthorpe	0	Doncaster	1
Walsall	3	Scarborough	2
York	2	Barnet	0

SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Celtic	0	Rangers	1
Dundee	1	Aberdeen	2
Falkirk	5	Airdrie	1
Hearts	1	Hibernian	0
Motherwell	0	Partick	2
St Johnstone	2	Dundee Utd	0

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Ayr	1	Raith	1
Clydebank	1	St Mirren	2
Cowden	0	Hamilton	3

Dunfermline	2	Kilmarnock	0
Morton	1	Dumbarton	2
Stirling	4	Meadowbank	1

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Albion	1	Brechin	4
Berwick	3	Montrose	0
Clyde	1	Alloa	1
Forfar	2	East Fife	2
Queen o' South	1	East Stirling	2
Queen's Park	0	Arbroath	1
Stranraer	0	Stenmuir	0

ALL YOUR TABLES FROM ENGLAND

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	15	9	2	4	22	13	29
Blackburn	15	7	6	2	24	11	27
Aston Villa	15	7	6	2	24	15	27
Norwich	14	8	3	3	24	25	27
QPR	15	7	5	3	22	15	26
Coventry	15	6	5	4	18	16	23
Man City	15	6	4	5	21	14	22
Chelsea	15	6	4	5	22	19	22
Ipswich	15	4	9	2	20	18	21
Man United	15	5	4	6	14	12	21
Liverpool	15	5	4	6	24	24	19
Middlesbrough	15	4	6	5	24	23	18
Leeds	15	4	6	5	25	27	18
Tottenham	15	4	6	5	16	22	18
Sheff Wed	14	4	5	5	16	17	17
Sheff United	14	4	4	6	14	19	16
Everton	15	4	4	7	13	19	16
Oldham	14	3	6	5	21	23	15
Sheff Wed	15	3	6	6	12	17	15
Wimbledon	15	3	5	7	18	33	14

ENGLISH 1ST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	14	12	0	2	29	12	36
Tranmere	15	8	4	3	27	13	28
Swindon	15	8	3	4	28	21	27
West Ham	15	8	3	4	27	11	27
Millwall	15	7	5	3	25	13	26
Charlton	16	7	3	5	25	16	25
Wolverhampton	15	7	3	5	24	20	24
Peterborough	15	7	3	5	20	24	24
Leicester	16	7	3	6	18	19	24
Portsmouth	15	6	4	5	28	23	22
Watford	15	6	4	5	25	27	22
Derby	15	6	4	5	22	17	22
Grimsby	15	6	4	5	25	20	21
Brighton	15	6	4	5	23	34	20
Bristol City	15	4	6	5	21	17	20
Oxford	15	5	4	6	22	17	19
Brentford	15	5	4	6	13	23	19
Birmingham	15	5	4	6	13	23	19
Cambridge United	16	4	5	7	16	29	17
Sheff Wed	15	4	4	7	18	16	15
Sunderland	15	4	4	7	18	16	15
Notts County	15	3	6	6	18	33	14
Luton	15	3	6	6	18	33	12
Southend	15	2	6	7	12	23	11
Bristol Rovers	16	2	3	11	21	44	9

ENGLISH 2ND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	16	9	3	4	28	12	30
Stoke	15	8	6	1	26	16	30
West Brom	15	9	2	4	26	17	29
Leyton Orient	16	9	2	5	24	17	29
Port Vale	16	9	2	5	24	15	27
Stockport	16	7	5	4	26	18	26
Swansea	16	7	5	4	24	16	26
Rotherham	16	7	5	4	24	21	26
Hartlepool	16	7	5	4	18	15	26
Plymouth	16	7	4	5	18	18	25
Fulham	16	6	6	4	24	24	24
Burnley	16	6	6	4	19	18	23
Preston	16	6	3	7	25	29	21
Reading	16	5	6	5	22	19	20
Bolton	16	4	7	5	17	22	19
Bournemouth	16	4	7	5	13	16	19
Exeter	16	3	7	6	17	22	18
Hull	16	4	3	9	19	29	15
Mansfield	16	4	3	9	18	29	15
Chester	16	3	4	9	23	33	13
Wigan	16	3	4	9	15	26	13
Huddersfield	16	3	4	9	14	27	13
Blackpool	16	2	5	9	16	27	11

ENGLISH 3RD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	14	11	2	1	28	10	35
Barnet	15	9	3	3	29	17	30
Shrewsbury	15	8	5	2	22	16	27
Lincoln	15	8	4	3	28	12	26
Crawley	14	8	4	2	28	22	25
Walsall	14	8	0	6	30	28	24
Chesterfield	15	7	3	5	23	22	24
Scarborough	15	6	5	4	24	23	23
Rochdale	14	6	4	4	25	22	22
Canterbury	14	6	4	4	24	19	22
Doncaster	15	4	6	5	21	22	19
Wrexham	15	4	6	5	21	22	19
Colchester	15	5	0	9	24	31	18
Scunthorpe	14	5	3	6	16	17	18
Halifax	15	5	2	8	22	26	17
Darlington	14	5	2	7	18	17	17
Torquay	15	3	4	8	16	26	17
Carlisle	15	4	4	7	22	23	16
Bury	15	4	3	8	19	28	15
Hereford	15	3	4	8	18	25	14
Northampton	15	3	2	10	14	27	11
Gillingham	15	2	4	9	14	21	10

...AND HOW THEY STAND IN SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	15	12	2	1	39	11	26
Hearts	16	9	4	3	19	10	22
Aberdeen	15	9	2	4	24	13	20
Celtic	16	7	6	3	25	17	20
Partick	16	7	4	5	25	22	18
Dundee United	16	7	3	6	14	17	17
Hibernian	16	4	6	6	17	21	14
Dundee	16	4	4	8	19	26	12
St Johnstone	16	3	5	8	19	27	12
Falkirk	16	3	3	10	22	31	12
Airdrie	16	3	3	10	11	26	9
Motherwell	16	2	4	10	18	31	8

SCOTTISH 1ST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raith	16	9	7	0	32	12	25
St Mirren	16	9	5	2	22	17	23
Dunfermline	16	9	1	6	28	19	19
Morton	16	9	1	6	26	17	19
Kilmarnock	16	8	6	4	22	16	18
Hamilton	16	6	5	5	26	19	17
Clydebank	16	5	6	5	28	25	16
Dumbarton	16	6	0	10	25	32	16
Ayr	16	5	5	6	18	17	15
Strking	16	4	9	15	26	10	10
Meadowbank	16	4	2	10	18	32	10
Cowdenbeath	16	1	2	13	12	40	4

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brechin	14	10	3	1	29	12	23
Stranraer	14	7	1	6	12	15	20
Forfar	14	6	6	2	27	15	17
Clyde	14	6	6	2	26	14	17
East Fife	14	6	6	2	20	24	15
Stenhousemuir	14	5	4	5	29	25	14
Arbroath	14	5	3	6	21	21	13
Queen of South	14	5	3	6	20	23	13
East Stirling	14	5	3	6	19	25	13
Montrose	14	5	2	7	21	27	13
Berwick	14	5	1	8	25	30	11
Albion	14	3	4	7	14	26	10
Queen's Park	14	2	2	10	15	27	6



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Rangers

are supreme!

Scottish champions down Leeds to win the Battle of Britain



Eric Cantona

GLASGOW RANGERS 'The Pride of Scotland' won the Battle of Britain when they trounced English Champions Leeds United 2-1 at Elland Road last Wednesday in the European Cup.

Rangers brilliant victory sent Leeds out of the prestigious tournament on a 4-2 aggregate.

The Scottish Champions played with style and commitment and looked the part.

But it was an Englishman who shocked the English Champions.

Former England international Mark Hateley now a hero in Scotland scored in the third minute.

This was just the start Rangers were looking for.

They went further ahead in the 59th minute with a goal from that 'scoring machine' Ally McCoist.

Leeds consolation goal came from their Frenchman Eric Cantona five minutes from the end.

By that time it was all over bar the shouting!

Rangers victory put them into the last eight of the series.

After the game Rangers manager Walter Smith said it was one of the finest victories registered by his team since he was given the job of manager.

"The boys were marvellous," he said.

"They stuck to our match plan and it was a victory well deserved."

Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson said, 'He was very disappointed.'



Mark Hateley

Liverpool out in shame

LIVERPOOL suffered new Lignominy in being beaten 2-0 at home to Spartak Moscow and being knocked out of the European Cupwinners' Cup.

Liverpool lost 6-2 on aggregate in the second round tie and defender Mike Marsh became the third Liverpool player to be sent off in four Cup Winners' Cup ties in a match that also saw five players booked.

Marsh was dismissed with three minutes to go for a late challenge on Dimitri Radchenko, scorer of Spartak's first goal.

The Russians ignored the warrior cries of the Kop supporters and

kept three players in attack in search of a winning goal.

The reward came in the 63rd minute when Radchenko side-footed in a Vladimir Beschastnikh cross.

Andrei Piatnitski added a second goal from Radchenko's pass a minute from the end.

It is the earliest stage that Liverpool has been beaten in Europe since being beaten by Dynamo Tbilisi in the Champions' Cup first round 13 years ago.

But the Reds paid the price of the indiscipline that even saw manager Graeme Souness starting a five-match UEFA touchline ban for

abusing the referee in Moscow first leg.

Their attacking edge was blunted when Mark Walters pulled out with a thigh strain leaving Souness to use full back David Burrows as an emergency winger.

With Bruce Grobbelaar suspended after being sent off in Moscow, Mike Hooper came in for his first game of the season in preference to David James.

Hooper spared Liverpool greater embarrassment with some excellent saves from Piatnitski (twice), Dimitri Khlestov, Radchenko and substitute Mikhail Rusjaev.

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NO, PRIME



LES FERDINAND

IT'S doubtful whether ex-Premier Margaret Thatcher was amongst BSkyB's telly audience for last Sunday week's Aston Villa-QPR clash.

And it's a fair bet she's never heard of Les Ferdinand.

But in the summer of 1989, when Maggie was Prime Minister, the directors of Turkish club Besiktas wanted her to ORDER Rangers to sell them striker Ferdinand.

Les had scored 21 goals during a season on loan with Besiktas, helping them win the Turkish Cup and finish second in the League. But QPR turned down any attempt to make the deal permanent.

Gordon Milne, Besiktas' English manager, recalls how desperate the Turks were to hang on to Ferdy.

"The club's officials were so upset at the thought of losing Les that I was called in and told to contact Mrs Thatcher and ask her to arrange the transfer!" he says.

They were deadly serious. In Turkey everything is possible with



the right political connections. It took me a while to convince them that things didn't quite work like that back home.

"Mind you, I was as sorry as they were to see Les go. He adapted brilliantly to a strange culture and was a great favourite with the fans because he never gave less than 100 per cent in every game."

RIVALS

"He was the most popular player in Istanbul after scoring in the Cup final against our deadly rivals Fenerbahce."

Ferdinand has happy memories of his Turkish adventure. "But a year was enough," he admits.

"I was 22 and nobody in English football knew me. I felt that time was running out if I was going to make

the grade with Rangers.

"I was 20 when I joined them from non-League Hayes, and up to that stage I thought I'd missed the boat."

"Most big clubs sign their best players straight from school - yet I was still a part-timer and working as a painter and decorator."

Things have certainly looked up for Les since he returned from Besiktas.

BOOST

He's Rangers' top marksman this season with seven goals; he has a career record of 27 in 63 League outings; he's just signed a new three-year contract, and he's on the fringe of the England team.

"Life couldn't be better," he confesses.

"It was a big boost when Graham Taylor named me in his standby squad for September's game in Spain."

"And it would be terrific if I was picked in the main party for the next match, especially as it's against Turkey."

"I haven't any illusions. I know I'm at the back of the queue of strikers behind Alan Shearer, Ian Wright and

Revolt on way?

BY WINSOR DOBBIN

THE English Premier League is facing a revolt by fans.

Despite claims that the new league would be bigger and better, crowds are down as spectators rebel against being told they must enjoy their football sitting down.

I've been a Norwich City fan since I was 10 or 11 years old. Returning to Carrow Road this season was exhilarating in view of the Canaries' rare success, but also profoundly depressing.

I've got many marvellous memories of the famous Barclay Stand, where I used to stand to cheer on the Canaries as a kid.

Nowadays they've knocked down the old Barclay and put up an all-seater stand. Carrow Road is one of the first all-seater

grounds and the fans don't like it one bit.

"What are we doing sitting down?" asked one teenager at the home game against Sheffield Wednesday. "It just doesn't feel right."

Instead of standing at Carrow Road, you now have to pay least \$25 for the cheapest unreserved seat behind the goal. Every time there is an attack, everyone stands up anyway.

Then security guards insist everyone sits down again.

\$25 is a lot of money to pay for 90 minutes of entertainment, even if your unfashionable club is top of the league.

The absence of terraces also reduces atmosphere dramatically.

There was far more "feel" at the French First Division game I saw between Paris St Germain and Metz at the Parc de Princes - but then

there are still terraces behind both goals at that stadium.

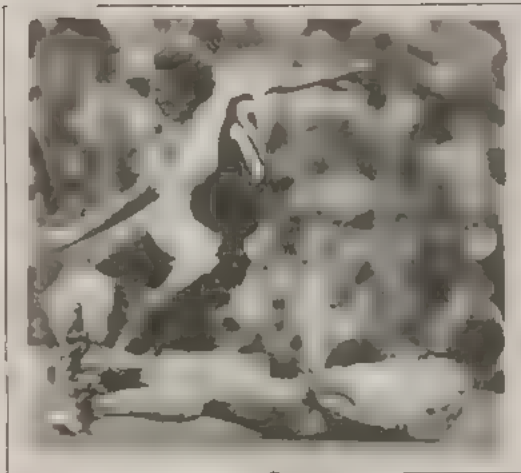
There was even plenty of atmosphere at Craven Cottage, where a sparse crowd watched Fulham against Hull City. There are terraces behind both goals at Craven Cottage, too.

Norwich chairman Robert Chase, wildly out of touch with the fans, boasts in the 1992-93 club yearbook: "The new Barclay Stand is now a reality and seats have been installed in the River End to make us one of the first all-seater stadiums in the country."

He's proud of alienating the club's followers.

The additional outlay fans must make when their clubs switch to all-seater stadiums is not the only strain on their pockets.

Most of the fans have already had to lay out \$75 for a new club shirt.



ARSENAL v NORWICH

Norwich, like most Premier League clubs, now change their shirt-design each season.

Green blotches are now splashed all over the famous Canary yellow, resulting in a shirt that looks like someone

has vomited all over it.

The new reserve kit features purple sleeves. Since when has purple had anything to do with Norwich's tradition?

Wolves supporters were so incensed by their team's

switch from the club's traditional gold that they boycotted the new design and refused to buy the new shirts. They won't be the last.

Programmes, too, have become a rip-off. I paid \$3.50 for a Norwich program and \$3 at Fulham. Back in 1972, a Norwich program cost 5pence! Such an increase is far in excess of inflation.

The introduction of Monday football to please the great God television has also made life more expensive for fans.

How many can afford to take a day off work to travel to away matches on a Monday?

A survey of fan satisfaction published in the October issue of the excellent fanzine "When Saturday Comes", revealed that only Sheffield Wednesday and Leeds United

supporters were 'very happy' with what they got in 1991-92. Oldham and Sheffield United fans were "quite content" with the rest far less satisfied.

That's food for thought for the administrators.

Most spectators too, feel distinctly uncomfortable being body searched while entering a ground. Having some scruff per his hands all over you is a downright invasion of privacy.

Attendances through October were down by around eight per cent in the Premier Division and by up to 20 per cent at some clubs, including Oldham, where some ticket prices rose by 66 per cent.

The fans are angry and becoming more so. If my instincts are right, attendances will continue to fall until the clubs begin to put their fans first.

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MINISTER!

Those cheeky Turks asked Maggie to hand over Ferdy

David Hirst.

"All three of them have greater experience than me at both club and international level.

"But if I keep plugging away and scoring goals for QPR, you never know. Shearer, Wright and Hirst are under the same kind of pressure because they are England new boys.

"It was different when Gary Lineker was in the England team.

"He was an automatic choice, and had earned the right to have an occasional poor game without losing his place."

Portsmouth boss Jim Smith was the man who snapped up Ferdinand for QPR from Hayes for a down



payment of just £15,000.

"It was coach Frank Sibley who recommended Les," says Smith.

"The day I went to see him play he had an absolute nightmare for 89 of the 90 minutes.

"However, he went on one run when he beat seven players, and I was so impressed with his power and pace that I decided he

was worth a chance.

"I let him go to Turkey because I thought he'd learn a lot more in front of big crowds rather than a handful of spectators with our reserves."

Villa boss Ron Atkinson was aware of the danger Ferdinand would present.

"Les is a menace to any team because he always gets behind the defence," says Big Ron.

"I remember watching him play against Crystal Palace in a Zenith Cup tie, and thinking: 'If this lad ever gets his act together he's going to be some player'.

"He deserves his success because he has worked hard at his game."



ALAN SHEARER

GROBBELAAR LINING UP BUSY SCHEDULE

LIVERPOOL goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar, banned from last week's European Cup Winners' Cup tie against Spartak Moscow after being sent off in the first leg, could play two games in two days to boost his international and club ambitions.

The colourful goalkeeper will turn out for Zimbabwe in a World Cup qualifying game against Angola in Harare on December 6, just a day before Liverpool's Merseyside derby against Everton at Goodison Park.

Grobbelaar managed a similar feat last month when he flew back from Zimbabwe's international against Togo in time to play in his own testimonial, also against Everton, less than 24 hours later.

David James, the \$2.3 million summer signing from Watford, deputised in goal at Anfield on Wednesday, having been beaten at least once in all his previous 12 first team games for Liverpool.

Man Utd star back



JOHN ALDRIDGE

MANCHESTER United defender Denis Irwin was named in Ireland's squad for its World Cup soccer qualifier against Spain on November 18, thanks to a plea by his club manager, Alex Ferguson.

Irwin suffered a hamstring injury a week ago and started training again only last week.

But Ferguson told Ireland manager Jack Charlton: "Denis is doing everything in his power to get fit. He badly wants to play against Spain."

Striker John Byrne, who missed last month's scoreless draw with European champions Denmark in Copenhagen because of injury, is recalled for the Group Three match in Seville.

SQUAD

GOALKEEPERS - Pat Bonner (Celtic), Gerry Peyton (Brentford)

DEFENDERS - Denis Irwin (Manchester United), Chris Morris (Middlesbrough), Paul McGrath (Aston Villa), Kevin Moran (Blackburn), David O'Leary (Arsenal), Terry Phelan (Manchester City), Steve Staunton (Aston Villa).

MIDFIELDERS - Ray Houghton (Aston Villa), Alan McLoughlin (Portsmouth), Roy Keane (Nottingham Forest), Andy Townsend (Chelsea), Eddie McGoldrick (Crystal Palace).

STRIKERS - John Byrne (Millwall), Liam O'Brien (Newcastle), John Aldridge (Tranmere), Nial Quinn (Man City), David Kelly (Newcastle), Bernie Slaven (Middlesbrough), Kevin Sheedy (Newcastle).

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Hot Hearts find some Baird luck

HEARTS 1 HIBS 0

IAN Baird was Hearts' derby dazzler as his first-half header dumped city rivals Hibs.

Incredibly, it was Hearts' only effort on target in the whole 90 minutes — but it takes them into second place in the league.

Hibs have to look back to January 1989 for their last capital derby success and they were never likely to break their hoodoo with a lacklustre display.

Hearts' midfield produced the

good and the bad in the game — Gary Mackay was absolutely outstanding while Ally Mauchlen should have had an early bath after stamping on Darren Jackson off the ball.

Hearts' boss Joe Jordan couldn't hide his pleasure at the victory: "I'm delighted with the result and the performance."

Big Joe paid tribute to his defence: "we've only lost three goals at home this season and are looking far more solid now."

Hearts got good service from Alan McLaren and Craig Levein in

particular but Hibs lost a lot of their threat when Keith Wright limped out of the action at half-time.

Alex Miller slammed his defence for losing a bad goal: "the goal we lost was hard to take. We just weren't positive enough in clearing the danger."

WIDE

It was typical derby action, 100 mile an hour football not for the purists.

However, with the exception of the Mauchlen incident there were

no nasty tackles although Willie Miller and Ian Baird indulged in a no holds barred 90-minute duel.

Hibs will claim it could all have been so different if Murdo MacLeod had netted early on.

They started brightly and Graeme Mitchell's cross was turned back by Mickey Weir for MacLeod to head wide from eight yards.

Hearts hit back and a Peter Van de Ven free kick was nudged on by Baird and Brian Hamilton almost deflected the ball into his own net.

There was no such escape when

Hearts took the lead in 17 minutes, Van de Ven again starting the move.

His long ball found Derek Ferguson and he crossed for Robertson to send a header high in the air. Hibs' defence seemed rooted to the spot, as Baird nipped in to send the ball into the net from eight yards.

Far from lying down Hibs charged up the park and Hamilton forced Henry Smith into a good save with a pile driver from 25 yards.

Just after the break Mauchlen

was involved in the stamping incident with Jackson and referee Hugh Williamson allowed play to go on for several minutes before calling over the Hearts player.

Everyone expected the red card but the referee chose the easy option and only cautioned the Hearts' man.

Hearts fans screamed for a penalty when Mackay burst into the Hibs' penalty area and was unceremoniously dumped by Miller but again the referee controversially indicated a dive.

ABSW BEST: Mackay.

BRADY HIT FOR SIX



CELTIC 0 RANGERS 1

RANGERS survived a Parkhead bombardment to go six points clear of Celtic in the title race.

An Ian Durrant goal before half-time separated the teams — but Celtic must still be baffled at how their pressure did not transform itself into goals.

It was the Elland Road onslaught all over again for Rangers — but this time heroic midweek central defenders Richard Gough and John Brown failed to finish the game.

Brown did not reappear after half-time with a hamstring injury and Gough limped off after aggravating a groin strain.

Stuart Slater could have been the Parkhead glory boy during a torrid six-minute spell for the Rangers' defence early in the second-half.

RARE

But Slater blew his big chance of ending a 73-minute game goalless run as he allowed three opportunities to go to waste.

First the Englishman's dazzling run took him past three Rangers men but only for his 18-yard shot to go wide.

Then a left-foot drive beat Andy Gorman but clipped the top of the bar and went over.

And, finally, his volley from a Tom Boyd chip was acrobatically saved by Gorman.

Dejected Celtic boss Liam Brady admitted "it was as frustrating an afternoon as I've known."

"It's probably the old firm game we've dominated most and played best in but, unfortunately, we couldn't capitalise. But I thought we played well and we're on the right lines."

However, for all their possession, Celtic lacked the killer touch which Rangers

Celtic chief left stunned as Gers stretch title lead

demonstrated on one of their rare attacks.

Celts had a great chance to go ahead after 12 minutes when Paul McStay's drive was blocked on the line by Gough after Gorman's punch only half-cleared the danger from a Dariusz Wdowczyk cross.

But that was about the only suggestion of a mistake from the Scotland keeper and his save from a Wdowczyk free-kick was straight out of the top drawer.

Celtic's pressure was sustained but aimless — and Rangers hit them with a sucker punch in 32 minutes.

And once again the centre of the Celtic defence — so ruthlessly exposed by Borussia Dortmund in midweek — was missing in action.

Mark Hateley's pass eluded Mike Galloway and when Dale Gordon's cross came over Ally McCoist nodded back for Durrant to score easily.

Durrant's face was a mix of joy and surprise — probably at getting a pass from Ally within sight of goal.

That was about it from Rangers as an attacking force. The only other time Pat Bonner was called into action was to stop an Ian Ferguson pile-driver after 75 minutes.

Celtic's domination needed more spark to pay dividends.

PRESSURE

They badly missed the surging flank runs of Boyd — playing in midfield — to help unpick the Rangers' defence.

Rangers' boss Walter Smith

beamed: "This ends a great week for us. We had to work hard for the result and we were under pressure for a fair bit of the game but we coped well."

Gough, left limping after a tackle with Wdowczyk, was toiling from the start of the second-half.

And Rangers were already preparing Alexei Mikhailchenko as his replacement when he caught Slater late.

Celtic coach Mick Martin was upset that referee Brian McGinlay did not play advantage and earned a warning from the official for his protests.

McGinlay then showed the yellow card to Gough, who was actually booked as he was helped off the park by physio Bill Collins.

That meant more rearrangements in the Rangers' defence, which finished with midfielder terrier Stuart McCall at right-back and striker Mark Hateley filling in at centre-half.

The only other bookings were Gordon for a foul, Durrant for handball and Celtic's Boyd for dissent.

Victory meant it was the first time in 35 years that Rangers have won three consecutive games at Parkhead — and it could spell disaster for Celtic's fast-fading title hopes.

Another plus for Rangers was the return of Gary Stevens in the reserve fixture at Ibrox.

Although he came through safely, the Rangers' second string went down 3-0 to goals from Joe Miller, Raymond McStay and Dugald McCarrison.

ABSW BEST: Gorman.



Paul McStay and Alexei Mikhailchenko

That's rich as Lee hits late killer blow

DUNDEE 1 ABERDEEN 2

LIVELY Lee Richardson chose the perfect moment to strike his first major blow for the Dons at Dens Park.

Whistler Jim McGilvray had allowed two minutes of injury time to elapse before the former Blackburn midfielder nodded home his golden winner.

That sparked off a further minute of controversy as Dundee complained bitterly.

They claimed, with some justification, that big Duncan Shearer had bundled keeper Paul Mathers to the ground prior to Eoin Jess providing the cross for the winner.

Simon Stainrod's men got nowhere with their protests — and Willie Miller's visitors scraped both points.

Richardson's contribution made it a Blackburn-day for the Dons, with teammate Shearer in amongst the goals yet again.

The burly striker was the man responsible for hauling the Pittodrie side back into the contest late on the day.

Trailing, to a Billy Dodds strike Shearer suddenly struck with his equaliser in the 73rd minute.

And that perked Aberdeen sufficiently that they laid siege on the home goal from then on.

WASTED

Desperate defending kept them out, with home man Jim Duffy forever in the fray, until their luck ran out.

Happy Dons boss Willie Miller said: "it was a test of our character

— and we passed it."

"However, we made it difficult for ourselves as we should have had it won by the interval."

Numerous scoring opportunities fell the way of Miro Pustelainen and Shearer only to be wasted, in the opening half.

But at the other end it took the save of the first half from Theo Snodgrass to deny a powerful Stuart Beattie 20 yarder.

The 59th minute saw Dundee throw a spanner in the Aberdeen works when they surged away to grab an unexpected lead.

McQuillan robbed Dave Winnie near the centre line and raced clear on the right.

The fullback's inch-perfect near post cross was met by Dodds and the little striker powered home his 11th goal of the season.

LENNIE MUGGED BY ROSY!

LIVERPOOL 4 MIDDLESBROUGH 1

LENNIE Lawrence claims the only thing he got from Liverpool in four visits with Charlton is a mug of tea.

And there was nothing more heart-warming for the Boro boss this time as he watched his side brushed aside.

Liverpool forgot the disappointment of their Cup-Winners' Cup defeat in midweek to destroy Lawrence's side with a magical display.

And the only rosy glow to hit Boro was from Liverpool's Israeli striker

Ronnie Rosenthal, who scored twice during the first-half.

Boro simply had no answer to his pace and strength and were often forced to defend desperately.

Rosenthal signalled his intent with a dangerous low cross in the first minute

which needed to be whipped away by Alan Kernaghan.

Then he was foiled by a super save from Boro keeper Stephen Pears.

But, with only eight minutes on the clock, Rosenthal got his name on the scoresheet following a mistake by John Gittens.



tumbling by Liverpool keeper Mike Hooper and Jimmy Phillips crashed home his spot-kick.

It seemed Boro would end the half with a respectable scoreline but less than a minute before the break Rosenthal smashed Liverpool's third.

Boro reorganised after the interval, with Gittens linking up with Derek Whyte in the heart of their defence and substitute Morris moving into midfield.

Rosenthal had one glorious chance to complete his hat-trick but, having held off Whyte, his shot was plucked out of the air by

Pears.

The only chance Paul Wilkinson had in the game came after 71 minutes but his header from Phillips' free-kick went over the bar.

Slaven came on for the out-of-touch Proctor but there was no respite for Boro as Liverpool continued to turn the screw.

And, in the dying minutes, came the goal all Anfield had been waiting for. The scorer was Ian Rush and it signalled another milestone in the astonishing career of the deadliest striker in the game.

ADORE

Rush headed home a cross from Paul Stewart for his 200th in the League and his first goal of the Premier League season in front of his adoring Kop.

In the end Boro were lucky to get off so lightly. **ABSW** **BEST:** Rosenthal.



Ronnie Rosenthal

Smeichel transfer shocker

PETER Schmeichel has issued an amazing warning to Manchester United over their failure to buy an ace striker like Alan Shearer.

The great Dane believes goal-starved United could finish up struggling among soccer's faded giants unless they pull their financial finger out and start competing with Blackburn's money men.

He says: "the fact that United's manager, Alex Ferguson, lost the fight for Shearer has put a question mark against the club's efficiency."

"If you wish to be among the teams who count, you simply have to pay the wild money, break through the transfer wage ceilings. If not, you end up as did big names of the past Bolton, Stoke or Blackpool."

"That, in my opinion, is why United will have to look at future player deals with different eyes."

Schmeichel, acclaimed Europe's No.1 after the summer's European Championship triumph with Denmark, vented frustration in his newspaper column for Ekstra Bladet last week.

"The flight for the big scorers is way behind us now. Shearer signed for Blackburn, Brian Deane prolonged his contract with Sheffield United, David Hirst did the same with Sheffield Wednesday. "And since Gary Lineker has set his soccer future in Japan there are no more natural scorers in England."

Dean Saunders and Teddy Sheringham also moved this season in multi-million pound transfers.

Schmeichel, 29 on Saturday, joined Old Trafford from Brøndby in a £750,000 deal 17 months ago.

SEARCH

He adds: "Alex Ferguson has been going far and wide — Holland, Germany, France, Sweden, Norway and even Denmark — in search of someone who can produce what counts most, goals."

"One of the possibilities has been on trial with us for a week, Norwegian Tore Dahlum. He looks very promising. But in England, it's one thing to look promising, another to go right in and solve United's acute problem."

Schmeichel's criticism may not go down well but he's voicing what fans are thinking.

They wonder why United, with their £20m turnover last year, can't compete at the highest transfer level.

United went out of Europe at the first hurdle because they couldn't score in two games against Moscow Torpedo, and also lost their way in the Coca-Cola Cup.



Currie's favour is still not enough

Plymouth 2 Rotherham 1

DAVID Currie's superb strike was still not good enough to save Rotherham's eight-match unbeaten run at Plymouth.

Six minutes after half time Currie took a short pass from Des Hazel and hit a curling shot from outside the box past Plymouth player-boss Peter Shilton.

That goal made up for a drab first half which had seen Plymouth go in front thanks to an own goal from Chris Hutchings.

The goal arrived five minutes before the break.

Skipper Gary Poole heisted a high ball into the box, keeper Billy Mercer missed his punch and the ball ran into the path of Hutchings who inadvertently turned it into his own net.

Currie's equalising goal raised the tone of the game and within five minutes Plymouth were back in front.

Warren Joyce sent substitute Craig Skinner away and Kevin Nugent met the cross in his strike to volley home from six yards.

Rotherham battled back and might well have earned a point but for some great work by Shilton.

The former England keeper was faced first with Dean Barrick and then Currie roaring down on him when they were put clean through.

But Shilton stood his ground and robbed both of simple chances.

Aston killer Dalian



Peter Schmeichel

ASTON VILLA 1 MANCHESTER UTD 0

DEADLY Dalian Atkinson settled this rip-roaring classic which totally restored the battered pride of English football.

Villa boss Ron Atkinson may insist publicly that his side are still "half a million miles" from the finished article.

But no-one in Saturday's jam-packed crowd of 39,067 — biggest Premier League

gate of the season — was swallowing that bravado after watching Villa extend their own unbeaten run to 12 games.

"We're going to win the League," they chanted jubilantly as Villa were roared off with a standing ovation.

But for three second-half saves by Peter Schmeichel, all out of the top drawer, Villa would have won by a more deserving margin.

Atkinson struck in the 19th minute, Steve

Staunton stole possession in front of United's back four and instinctively dissected their central defence.

Amazingly he has now scored in 10 of Villa's 18 games this season.

United could have equalised within a minute, Ryan Giggs drilling an angled effort just wide of the far post.

Schmeichel snuffed out a certain goal by Atkinson in the 68th minute.

ABSW **BEST:** Staunton.

COLE MAN DELIVERS

BRISTOL CITY 3 BIRMINGHAM 0

STRIKER Andrew Cole blitzed Birmingham with a super show to underline why Forest and Crystal Palace are on his trail.

He scored once, set up another and frightened the Birmingham defence every time he bore down on goal.

The Blues were at a severe disadvantage from a double sending off in the 57th minute. Referee Paul Alcock first dismissed Ian Clarkson for a crude tackle on Rob Edwards, Darren Rowbotham argued and soon followed for dissent.

Blues' goal became a shooting gallery. Cole's genius brought him three clear openings. He missed an

open-goal header, had a shot blocked on the line and volleyed fractionally wide — all in the space of ten minutes.

THREAT

The Blues conceded the third goal four minutes from time when Leroy Rosenior shot, Les Sealey pushed the ball out and Cole bundled it back over the line.

Cole was Bristol's main threat and he forced Trevor Matthewson to clear over his own bar.

Bristol's attacking left flank always posed problems. Winger

Mark Gavin linked up well with leftback Martin Scott and the defender's cross was headed out for Edwards to rattle the bar with a cracking left-foot shot in the 28th minute.

Bristol finally broke through in first-half injury-time. Gavin sent Scott down the left and the cross was smartly headed down in the corner by Rosenior.

The tricky Cole created the second in the 47th minute with a crisp drive across the face of the goal which Gary Shelton met by the far post.

ABSW **BEST:** Cole.



Jacki Dziekanowski

GARY LINEKER FOR AUSTRALIA

His Japanese club to visit here next year...

BY WALTER PLESS

GARY LINEKER and his new Japanese club **Nagoya Grampus Eight** are to visit Australia in March.

The rich Nagoya Grampus Eight club intend to use Australia as its training headquarters to prepare for the opening of the Japanese season.

A representative of the Japanese club - Hireki Ichinose - arrived in Australia last Thursday to set up the trip.

Yesterday Mr Ichinose visited Tasmania to hold talks with the new Tasmanian Soccer Federation State manager Denis McCauley regarding the possibility of Grampus Eight visiting the Apple Isle.

Grampus Eight signed Gary Lineker on a two-year contract worth \$6 million.

The 31 year-old striker, who has played for Leicester, Everton, Barcelona and Tottenham Hotspur in an illustrious career, is the second highest goal scorer in the history of the English national team.

His new club Grampus Eight is now totally professional and intend to leave nothing to chance regarding their visit to

Australia.

For their proposed training camp in Tasmania they have stated their requirement are: Two to three training pitches as well as a gymnasium preferably located at one of the grounds.

As for accommodation, the team's hotel must be no more than 10 minutes from the practice grounds, it should be of five-star quality and must have a gymnasium, sauna and pool.

The hotel must also have a meeting/function room capable of holding 40 people, a storage room for soccer gear, and a convenience store or place for obtaining ample supplies of ice!

Grampus Eight has a Dutch goalkeeper and four Brazilian players in its squad.

The club has strong links with the Toyota company, but each club in the new Japan Professional League must represent a district not a company.

Toyota pays all the club's expenses, except for players' salaries, and this is reported to come to over \$8 million a year.

The club will foot the bill for the visit to Tasmania.



Gary Lineker

Rangers golden chance for final

GLASGOW RANGERS were given a golden opportunity to reach their first ever European final when they avoided runaway favourites **AC Milan** in the draw for the semi-final groups.

The Scottish champions, who triumphed over Leeds United in the second round 'Battle of Britain', were drawn with France's Olympique Marseille, Belgian champions FC Brugge and CSKA Moscow of Russia, the conquerors of the holders Barcelona.

In the other group, Fabio Capello's AC Milan play Holland's PSV Eindhoven, Portugal's FC Porto and outsiders IFK Gothenburg of Sweden.

On paper, with both Eindhoven and FC Porto top of their respective leagues, the Italian champions have been drawn in the tougher of the two groups but nobody seriously expects them not to reach the final.

Rangers, in contrast, have little to fear from an off-form Marseille who, having

lost striker Jean-Pierre Papin and Chris Waddle, are a shadow of the team that reached the 1990 final.

Having come from 2-0 down to beat Barcelona 3-2 in the Nou Camp Stadium last week, CSKA Moscow obviously have nobody to fear, but the former Red Army side will have preparation problems for their first two matches on November 25 and December 9 as the Russian league has already finished and doesn't start again until the spring.

FC Brugge were lucky to scrape into the group stage after being beaten 3-1 by Austria Vienna last week. The Belgian champions qualified on the away goals rule after winning 2-0 at home in the first leg.

The teams in each group play each other home and away with the winners of each going straight into the final at the end of May.

After the first two games, competition does not resume until March 3 — so early season form is often a poor guide to

the eventual winners.

In the Cup-winners' Cup, the tie of the quarter finals is Feyenoord of Holland's clash with Spartak Moscow, the side that humiliated Liverpool.

Unlike their near neighbours CSKA, Spartak have the advantage of not having to play until March and with the advantage of the first tie being in the Dutch port, they are probably marginal favourites.

Italy, like the city of Moscow and Belgium, still has an interest in all three European competitions but Parma will be hard pressed to get through against Sparta Prague. The Czech side accounted for the holders Werder Bremen in the last round and with a defence packed with internationals, they are a difficult side to beat.

Atletico Madrid should be too good for Olympiakos of Greece, who enjoyed a considerable amount of good fortune and some controversial refereeing decisions to get past Monaco in the last round.

UEFA CUP THIRD ROUND

(x denotes seeded club):

x-Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) v Kaiserslautern (Germany)

x-Borussia Dortmund (Germany) v Real Zaragoza (Spain)

Paris St Germain (France) v x-Anderlecht (Belgium)

Standard Liege (Belgium) v x-Auxerre (France)

Dynamo Moscow (Russia) v x-Benfica (Portugal)

x-As Roma (Italy) v Galatasaray (Turkey)

Vitesse Arnhem (Netherlands) v x-Real Madrid (Spain)

Sigma Olomouc (Czechoslovakia) v x-Juventus (Italy)

Matches to be played home and away on November 25 and December 9 with the first named teams at home in the first leg.

CUP-WINNERS' CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Sparta Prague (Czechoslovakia) v Parma (Italy)

Olympikos Piraeus (Greece) v Atletico Madrid (Spain)

Steaua Bucharest (Romania) v Antwerp (Belgium) or Admira Wacker (Austria)
Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) v Spartak Moscow (Russia)
Matches to be played on March 3 and 17.

CHAMPIONS' CUP SEMI-FINAL SERIES

(eight teams drawn into two groups of four, each club plays six matches, three home and three away):

GROUP A

Marseille (France)
Club Brugge (Belgium)
CSKA Moscow (Russia)
Glasgow Rangers (Scotland)

GROUP B

IFK Gothenburg (Sweden)
Porto (Portugal)
PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands)
AC Milan (Italy)

Dates of matches are November 25, December 9, March 3 and 17, April 7 and 21. Winners of each group to the final on May 28.

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